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MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

COLD WATER CHURCH, CABARRUS CO., N. C.

OCTOBER 14, 15, 16, 1886.

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E. H. Hinson, ... Arlington, N. C.

Executive Board.

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R. H. James . . . . . Clear Creek
J. M. McCurdy . . . . . Flow's Store
A. C. Davis . . . . . Concord
E. C. Williams . . . . . Matthews
D. T. Powell . . . . . Concord
A. G. McManaway . . . . . Charlotte
G. T. Raymond . . . . . Charlotte
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Licentiates.

B. F. Hargett . . . . . Mt. Pleasant
Jas. Brown . . . . . Charlotte

PROCEEDINGS.

COLD WATER BAPTIST CHURCH, CABARRUS CO., N. C.

OCTOBER 14th, 1886.

The delegates, composing the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association, met in their First Annual Session at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Elder E. C. Williams read the 15th chap. of 1st Cor. Prayer by Elder McManaway, of Charlotte.

Hymn—"I Love Thy Kingdom Lord."

Elder E. C. Williams preached the Introductory Sermon from 1st Cor. 15th chap. 58 v.

Prayer by Elder James.

Recess of one hour, and the delegates were then invited to a long table, well furnished with a splendid dinner.

AFTERNOON, 1 O'CLOCK.

The Moderator read the 16th Psalm.

Hymn—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Prayer—Elder Powell leading.

Elder E. C. Williams being Moderator, proceeded at once to organize, by appointing Breth. R. H. James and D. T. Powell reading clerks.

Church letters were called for, read and names of the delegates recorded in the following order :

CLEAR CREEK—R. H. James, W. J. Cook, J. T. McManus.
ARLINGTON—E. H. Hinson, B. F. Hargett.
CHANEY'S HILL—W. T. Talbert, M. W. Sutton, J. S. Kiser.
HOPEWELL—W. R. Small, Levi Johnson, J. T. McGraw.
HOWELL—J. M. McCurdy, M. L. Little, J. C. Hartsell.
COLD WATER—A. C. Davis, W. J. Brafford, J. C. Stogner.
WILSON'S GROVE—E. C. Williams, J. B. Mules, C. B. Maxwell.
PROSPECT—E. W. Carter, W. A. Marks, S. E. Greely.
INDEPENDENT HILL—A. N. Hinson, S. J. Hawkins, J. C. Black.
CHARLOTTE—A. G. McManaway.
OAK GROVE—D. T. Powell, A. Hill, Rufus Hill.

The Association elected the following officers : Elder E. C. Williams, Moderator; J. M. McCurdy, Clerk; E. H. Hinson, Treasurer.

Churches wishing to unite with the Association were called for, and by presentation the following churches were received : Charlotte and Independent Hill, churches of the South Yadkin Association; Oak Grove, a new church, and Prospect of the R. R. A.

Corresponding messengers were called for, and Brother R. P. Pope came forward, as a visitor of the Union Association. The Association gave him a cordial welcome.

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Bro. A. C. Davis and the deacons of church were appointed on Religious Exercises.

R. H. James, E. H. Hinson and W. T. Talbert were appointed a committee on Finance.

On Request and Queries, Breth. D. T. Powell, M. W. Sutton and A. C. Davis; and on Church Letters, Breth. B. H. Hargett, W. R. Small and J. T. McManus.

Bro. R. H. James was appointed a standing committee on Obituaries, and all are requested to correspond with him on obituaries.

Bro. A. G. McManaway, a committee on Order of Business, reported as follows: That the Association meet at 9½ a. m., adjourn at 12½ p. m., meet at 1½ p. m., and adjourn at will.

The committee on the various reports were requested to make their report when ready, on Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Baptist Orphanage, and Education; and that the Moderator intersperse the business with Devotional Exercises and miscellaneous business at his pleasure.

The above report was received and adopted.

A motion to adjourn prevailed.

Prayer by Bro. McManaway. Benediction by the Moderator.

NIGHT SERVICES.

Rev. A. G. McManaway preached a very interesting sermon on the Earthquake from the 104th Psalm, 32nd v.

SECOND DAY.

OCTOBER 15, 1886.

The Association was opened by reading 4th Chap of Thes. Hymn, "I am not ashamed to own my Lord." Prayer, by Bro. Bostic, of Concord.

The Clerk was authorized to abridge the minutes. Corresponding messengers were called for, and Elder E. L. Davis of Union Asso., and Bro. Bostic of Concord, came forward.

The rules of order were read.

Bro. McManaway read a Statistical Report from the Home Mission Board. After being discussed, the following pledges were made by each church, and the following Breth. and Sisters of the various churches, to make collections:

CHURCHES.	NAMES.	AMOUNT.
Clear Creek	J. F. McManus	$ 5 00
Arlington	E. H. Hinson	5 00
Chaneys Hill	M. W. Sutton	5 00
Hopewell	Sister A. Dove	5 00
Howell	J. R. McCurdy	5 00
Cold Water	Mrs. M. J. Smith	5 00
Wilson's Grove	C. B. Maxwell	5 00
Prospect	S. Sanders	5 00
India Hill	H. D. Blackman	5 00
Charlotte	Sister R. E. Young	30 00
Oak Grove	A. Neal	5 00
	Total,	$ 80 00

Breth. Bostic and E. L. Davis made very interesting talks on the importance of the Colored Missions.

The above was adopted.

A report on Foreign Missions was then read by A. C. Davis, and discussed by Writer, Bostic and others.

79 Dollars were pledged, and the report adopted.

A report on Periodicals next came up, and Bro. Bostic was requested to act as agent for the Recorder.

The report was adopted.

A motion to adjourn prevailed. Bro. McManaway led in prayer.

AFTERNOON, 1 O'CLOCK.

The body re-assembled. Hymn, "There is a fountain filled with blood." Bro. Hargett led in prayer.

Ministerial Support which next came up, was read by the Writer, and discussed by the Writer, Hinson, Pope, and others. The report was adopted.

Bro. Bostic read a report on Sabbath Schools, and it was discussed by Rev. D. T. Powell and others.

The report was adopted.

A motion to adjourn prevailed.

Prayer by McManaway. Benediction by the Moderator.

NIGHT SERVICES.

Elder A. G. McManaway preached a very interesting sermon from Rev. 21st chap., 1st v.

THIRD DAY

OCTOBER 16th, 1886.

The moderator read the 115th Psalm.

Prayer was offered by Elder E. L. Davis.

The request on Questions and Queries was heard, and adopted.

It was then agreed, that this Association meet with Arlington Church, Mecklenburg County, N. C., commencing on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath of October, 1887, at 11 a. m., Rev. G. P. Bostic to preach the introductory sermon and Bro. McManaway, the Alternate.

Bro. A. C. Davis made a motion that our Associational work be united with the State Board, and it was adopted. Bro. J. E. Ray, the corresponding Secretary of the State Board, being present, was invited to a seat.

Elder E. C. Williams made a report on State Missions; and presented a map of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association, showing the destitution in the bounds of the Association. He also made a very interesting talk on the rise and progress of the Baptist, in this section, for the last 30 years.

Bro. J. E. Ray mads a very feeling talk on the subject of State Missions.

The various Churches of the Association then pledges themselves to raise $300 for State Missions, during the ensuing year.

The above was adopted:

Adjourned for dinner, one hour.

Benediction, by Bro J. E. Ray.

AFTERNOON 1 O'CLOCK.

The congregation re-assembled. Hymn, "Am I a soldier of the cross?" The report on Church Letters was read, and adopted. The Secretary offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Ministers of this Association be recommended to preach to the colored people, when an opportunity is afforded.

It was discussed and adopted.

A report on Baptist Orphanage was read by Bro. Bostic, and discussed, and $12.73 were raised. Report was then adopted.

A report on Education was read by Bro. Bostic, discussed by writer and others.

Finance committee reported next. Report adopted. The Treasurer next read his report, which was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following Brethren to attend the sister Associations :

South Yadkin—E. C. Williams, A. C. Davis, G. P. Bostic.

Stanly—J. M. McCurdy, B. F. Hargett, A. C. Davis.

The Moderator appointed the following Brethren to write on the various subjects below :

Foreign Missions—G. P. Bostic; State Missions—A. C. Davis; Home Missions—S. E. Greely; Education—B. F. Hargett; Orphanage—R. H. James; Periodicals—J. M. McCurdy.

A resolution was offered, adding the names of Revs. A. G. McManaway and G. T. Raymond, to the Executive Board.

On vote the clerk was allowed $10 for his services. Also to have 500 copies of minutes printed and distributed in the usual way.

Bro. Bostic read a report on Education as follows :

EDUCATION.

The subject of general Education is one that claims our closest attention. We are glad to say that our people are much awake as to the importance of ministerial education. And yet we need good, earnest, educated laymen—many of them—who shall stand by and help our ministers. Parents can not be too anxious about the general education of their sons and daughters. The Baptists have fine facilities now for academical and higher education in North Carolina, and Baptists should patronize Baptist schools. Wake Forest is now more prosperous than ever before. With her $113,000 endowment, her three new professors added to the already able and earnest body of men, with the noble and persevering Taylor at their head, success is inevitable.

The Board of Education is designed to help poor and worthy young men in the ministry to secure an education. Over thirty were aided last year, and owing a debt at the beginning of this session, many had to be refused. Still they are aiding about thirty young men, and should have our liberal support.

Respectfully submitted, GEO. P. BOSTIC, Com.

Bro. R. H. James read the next report, which was

STATE MISSIONS.

The work of our State Board of Missions is to send the gospel of peace into every neighborhood in North Carolina. This year seventy-two missionaries have been sent out into nearly every destitute section. The results of the labors of these men are sim-

ply glorious. The hand of the Almighty has been with them, and the strong arm of our God has helped them. From every field now occupied, the most cheering reports have been received; several new churches and Sunday schools have been organized; more than twenty meeting houses are going up, and thousands of souls have been led to Jesus Christ, the only hope of salvation.

And yet the work continues to grow. These seventy-two men can not nearly supply the demand. New and most inviting fields are constantly opening before us and begging the Board for men to carry them the bread of life. The men, too, can be had, and there are several who have said to us, "Here am I, send me." Shall we heed this call of our Redeemer, among whose last words we find this command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," when the blessed assurance comes along with it, "And lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Respectfully submitted, R. H JAMES, Com.

Bro. B. H. Hargett read the next report, which was

ORPHANAGE.

To care for the poor children whose parents have been taken away, is one of the noblest and grandest works of the christian church. In them God has given to the church a rich legacy. It is with the profoundest gratitude that we note the interest recently awakened and still increasing among the Baptists of North Carolina in this work. In the past two years a home has been established at Thomasville, and the Baptists have rallied nobly to its support. At the meeting of the Association, July 28th past, there were four buildings already completed, and on that day the corner stones of five others were laid. These buildings are mostly the gifts of individuals Steps were also taken at this meeting to establish a home for aged and worn-out ministers in connection with the Orphanage. At that time they could accommodate about 40 children. They had expended $5,168.79, and raised in all $5,485.37; on hand at that time, $316.58. As Bro. Mills suggests, the institution needs our prayers sent to the Lord, accompanied by contributions to the Orphanage. Brethren, this home for the homeless richly deserves, and should liberally receive, our support in prayers and contributions.

Respectfully submitted, B. H. HARGETT, Com.

The next in order was the report on Church Letters, which was read and adopted, as below :

Your committee on Church Letters beg leave to submit that it has examined all the letters sent up from the churches with the following results :

ARLINGTON reports a revival. 12 accessions, 4 by baptism. Also a good Sabbath school, and a semi-weekly prayer meeting. Has lost one of her members by death.

CLEAR CREEK had a gracious revival, with 23 additions by baptism. Has a good Sabbath school with 90 scholars; also a prayer meeting, and many other things very favorable.

COLD WATER reports nothing special. Has lost one of her members by death.

CHANEY'S HILL had a meeting of days, with 5 accessions by baptism. Has lost one of her members by death.

HOWELLS had a meeting of days. The church was much revived, with 2 accessions. They have a good Sabbath school. Has lost one of her members by death.

HOPEWELL had a great revival, with 21 accessions. Also they have a good prayer meeting and Sabbath school.

WILSON'S GROVE had a great revival, with 40 additions by baptism. Has lost one of her members by death.

PROSPECT had a meeting of days, with 4 additions to the church. Church much revived. Has lost one of her members by death.

INDEPENDENT HILL had a meeting of days. Baptized 13 persons.

OAK GROVE reports 13 accessions, also Sabbath school.

Your commlttee finds that there have been added to the churches this year 133 souls, for which give God the glory. Respectfully submitted,

B. H. HARGETT.
W. R. SMALL. } Com.
J. T. McMANUS.

AFTERNOON, 1 O'CLOCK.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and hereby tendered to the brethren of this church and community for their kind hospitality. GEO. P. BOSTIC.

The clerk was allowed Ten Dollars for compiling the minutes.

Thus closed the First Session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association. Prayer by Bro. Jno. E. Ray.

E. C. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

J. M. McCURDY, Clerk.

SABBATH SERVICES.

Sabbath School Massmeeting conducted by Jno. E. Ray. Missionary Sermon by E. L. Davis. Text : Acts 4th chap. 20th v. Collection $5.20.

STATEMENT.

The financial statistics of Charlotte church are in the minutes of another association.

J. C. McCURDY, Clerk.

MISCELLANEOUS TABLE.

CHURCHES	S. S. Superintendent	Number of Scholars	PLEDGES FOR 1887.		State Missions	Foreign Missions.	For Minutes	Pastors' Salaries	Total	Church Expenses
			State Missions	Foreign Missions						
Clear Creek	J. A. Williams	90	$20 00	$ 5 00	$12 00	. . . .	$3 00	$100 00	$140 00	. . . .
Arlington	. . . . .	. . . .	10 00	5 00	10 00	$5 00	2 00	75 00	107 00	$100 00
Cold Water	Wm. Cozine	. . . .	10 00	5 00	5 00	2 50	2 00	100 00	124 50	. . . .
Chaney's Hill	. . . . .	. . . .	10 00	5 00	12 00	2 50	2 10	100 00	131 60	50 00
Hopewell	. . . . .	. . . .	20 00	5 00	15 00	. . . .	2 00	100 00	142 00	. . . .
Howell's	A. L. Howell	. . . .	10 00	5 00	10 00	. . . .	1 50	. . . .	26 50	. . . .
Ind. Hill	J. C. Black	25	5 00	3 00	. . . .	. . . .	1 00	90 00	99 00	. . . .
Oak Grove	. . . . .	. . . .	5 00	3 50	. . . .	. . . .	1 00	. . . .	9 50	. . . .
Prospect	Thos. Carter	40	10 00	5 00	. . . .	. . . .	1 50	. . . .	16 50	. . . .
Wilson's Grove	. . . . .	. . . .	20 00	2 50	. . . .	. . . .	1 25	. . . .	23 75	. . . .
Charlotte	E. K. P. Osborne	. . . .	80 00	30 00	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	1500 00	1600 10	. . . .
Concord	. . . . .	. . . .	85 00	5 00	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	90 00	. . . .
H. C. Herring	. . . . .	. . . .	15 00	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	15 00	. . . .

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	CLERK'S POST OFFICE	COUNTY	Sab. of Preaching	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total
Clear Creek	R. H. James	J. T. McManus	Clear Creek	Mecklenburg	4	23	2	4	10	.	.	72	105	177
Arlington	"	F. M. Hinson	"	"	2	4	1	6	5	9	1	42	67	109
Cold Water	A. C. Davis	W. M. Cozine	Concord	Cabarrus	1	.	1	.	8	.	2	14	22	36
Chaney's Hill	"	W. T. Talbert	Clear Creek	Mecklenburg	3	5	3	1	10	8	1	32	38	70
Hopewell	"	W. H. Honeycut	D. College	"	4	21	2	.	.	2	.	23	24	47
Howell's	"	A. L. Howell	Furr's	Cabarrus	2	1	.	2	.	1	1	19	24	43
Ind. Hill	R. H. James	A. B. Cashion	Croft	Mecklenburg	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	17	20	37
Oak Grove	D. T. Powell	"	Concord	Cabarrus	3	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Prospect	B. H. Carter	S. E. Greely	Bilesville	Stanly	3	2	.	1	.	1	1	20	60	80
Wilson's Grove	E. C. Williams	D. S. Ellington	Clear Creek	Mecklenburg	3	40	8	.	.	.	1	36	46	82
Charlotte	A. G. McManaway	T. A. Franklin	Charlotte	"	.	24	49	.	6	.	2	.	.	241

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The meetings of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. No motion shall claim the attention of the Association or the Moderator, unless it has a second; nor shall it be opened for discussion until formally announced by the Moderator.

3. When the motion has been made and regularly announced by the Moderator, no other motion shall be received, except to amend, to substitute, or lay on the table, or to postpone definitely or indefinitely. But a motion for adjournment shall always be in order, except when a member is engaged in speaking, or the body in voting.

4. When a member wishes to speak on any question he shall rise in his place and address the Moderator. If two or more shall rise at the same time, the Moderator shall determine who has the floor. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, unless by permission of the body.

5. All questions of order shall be contested by the Moderator, or any member of the Association, and shall be determined by the Moderator subject to an appeal to the body.

6. All motions for adoption by the body shall be submitted in writing if required.

7. If a member shall absent himself from the Association without permission from the body, he shall be under censure, and his name shall appear on the minutes as an absentee. This rule shall not be set aside except to meet extra cases.

STANDING RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That we correspond with sister Associations by letter or minutes, and that any member of our Association being present at the session of any other, with which we correspond, and presenting a copy of our last year's minutes containing his name, may represent us in that Association, and shall, in behalf of the body solicit correspondence.

MINUTES

OF

Second Annual Session

OF THE

MECKLENBURG AND CABARRUS

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

ARLINGTON CHURCH,

MECKLENBURG CO., N. C.,

OCTOBER 13-16, 1887.

ELDER A. G. McMANAWAY, MODERATOR;
ELDER GEO. P. BOSTICK, CLERK;
E. H. HINSON, TREASURER.

CONCORD, N. C.:
THE TIMES TOWER PRESS PRINT.

Executive Board.

G. T. Raymond and W. M. Johnson, with the Officers.

List of Ordained Ministers.

R. H. James.....Clear Creek.
J. M. McCurdy.....Flow's Store
A. C. Davis.....Oak Grove.
E. C. Williams.....Matthews.
D. T. Powell.....Concord.
A. G. McManaway.....Charlotte.
G. T. Raymond.....Charlotte.
B. H. Carter.....Albemarle.
Geo. P. Bostick.....Concord.
W. M. Johnson.....Matthews.

Licentiates.

J. W. Brown.....Arlington.

PROCEEDINGS.

ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH, MECKLENBURG CO., N. C.,
OCTOBER 13th, 1887.

The delegates composing the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association met in the second annual meeting at this church on the above date.

Elder Geo. P. Bostick preached the introductory sermon from Ex. xiv:15 :"Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward."

Recess for dinner for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1 O'CLOCK.

The session was called to order by Elder E. C. Williams, former Moderator, and half hour spent in devotional exercises.

Delegates were enrolled as follows :

Arlington—E. H. Hinson, E. H. Williams and J. W. Brown.

Clear Creek—Elder R. H. James, R. D. Robertson, and H. D. Baker.

Charlotte—Elders A. G. McManaway and G. T Raymond.

Concord—Elder Geo. P. Bostick and W. S. Sapp.

Cold Water—J. T. Barnhardt and Edward Fisher.

Cheney's Hill—Elder A. C. Davis, W. M. Cheney and C. P. Sossamon.

Howell's—R. D. Gourley, D. M. Dorton and J. R. McCurdy.

Matthews—Elder J. B. Richardson, W. M. Johnson and Dr. T. G. Irvin.

Independence Hill—A. N. Hinson and J. F. Hawkins.

Oak Grove—Elder D. T. Powell.

Prospect—Elder B. H. Carter, A. E. Lowder and E. W. Carter.

Wilson's Grove—Elder E. C. Williams, L. R. Norkett and J. B Mullis.

Hopewell—W. A. Honeycutt, A. W. Archey and L. B White.

The regular order is suspended and Matthews church received from Union Association and Concord, a new church.

Elders A. C. Davis and R. H. James were appointed as tellers and took up the ballots for the election of officers for the Association.

The following were elected : Elder A. G. McManaway, Moderator; Elder Geo. P. Bostick, Clerk; and E. H. Hinson, Treasurer.

Elder A. C. Davis moves that the Moderator appoint the usual committees. He appoints them as follows :

On Religious Exercises, pastor and deacons of this church.

On Requests and queries, J. W. Brown and W.M.Johnson.

On Finance, E. H. Hinson and Elders R. H. James and E. C. Williams.

Visiting brethren are called for and Elder C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, was recognized.

Elder J. B. Richardson is appointed to report on Periodicals, and Bro. J. W Brown on Home Missions.

Elder A. C. Davis reports on order of business: Meet at 9:30; adjourn at 12; meet at 1, and adjourn at will. Time for the various reports as follows: Foreign Missions at once; State Missions Friday at 10 o'clock; Home Missions at 1; Periodicals at 2; Education Saturday at 10:30 o'clook; Sabbath School Saturday at 1; and Orphanage at 2.

Elder Geo. P. Bostick read the report on Foreign Missions as follows:

To be without a spirit of Foreign Missions is to be without the Spirit of Christ, for he was a Foreign Missionary and said "if ye have not the Spirit of Christ ye are none of his; and the only way to show that we have a Spirit of Foreign Missions is by our work.

The little we have done in this direction, the great numbers who are still without Christ and the fact that we are to give an account to God should shame us, and arouse us to greater efforts in the interest of the heathern nations.

God is abundantly blessing the little that we are doing and thus calling us on to greater things.

Let us hear the marching orders of the great Captain of our Salvation and go forth, laboring more and more earnestly till the great crowning day shall come.

GEO. P. BOSTICK.

It is discussed by Elders Geo. P. Bostick, J. B. Richard- A. C. Davis, W. M. Johnson and R. H. James.

Pledges were then made for this object for next year, for which see miscellaneous table. Report is adopted.

The Moderator appoints as Committtee on Church Letters, Elder A. C. Davis, A. N. Hinson and John T. Barnhardt.

On motion adjourn till 9:30 o'clock Friday morning.

Benediction by Elder E. C. Williams.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, 9:30 O'CLOCK.

The Association met at 9:30 o'clock, a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder D. T. Powell.

Minutes of yesterday are read and adopted.

Bro J. B. Richardson moved that the Clerk be allowed $10 for his services and that he expend the remainder of the money in printing minutes, which shall be distributed among the churches according to the money paid in.

Elder Geo. P. Bostick offers the following:

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this body that it is inexpedient for one church to receive members excluded from any other sister church, and that any church that is involved in difficulty in this way be advised to get out of it according to the Bible.

Elders E. L. Davis and J. A. Bivens and R. Pope, of the Union Association, are recognized and invited to seats with us.

Bro. Bostick moves that the regular order be suspended and that we take up Home Missions at this hour.

Bro. J. W. Brown read the report as follows:

We notice from the reading of the Church letters that more has been contributed during this Associational year for Home Missions than was pledged by the various churches. We congratulate the Association. The Home Mission journals report a corresponding increase of good accomplished in the Home Mission work. Many more have been converted to the Christian faith during this year than was last. This fact should make us grateful, and stimulate to greater liberality and effort in this department of the work the Master has committed to us.

J. W. BROWN, Com.

The roll is called and pledges taken for this object which will be found in the Miscellaneous table.

Report is adopted.

The Hopewell and Charlotte letters are read.

Elder A. C. Davis reads the report on State Missions as follows:

State Missions is the work of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. A glance at the past will suffice to show that God is in the work and his blessings upon it. Eleven years ago there were only 9 missionaries under its direction. It now has 81 for a part or all of their time. During these years there have been about 9,000 added to the churches, and have occupied about 1,000 churches and stations. They have organized 1,000 new churches and have built 75 or 80 houses of worship. These figures only include the work of the missionaries and not those of the other Godly ministers through whom 35,000 others have been added to our churches, 250 churches organized and 300 houses of worship built.

These things are enough to gladden the hearts of all God's people and urge us on to greater achievements.

By the advice of last Convention the Board appropriated $10,000.00 for this work. They did this with faith in the churches that they would come up to their help and because of the demand in the work in the State. And shall we not come to their relief? Five cents a month from each of the 136,000 white Baptists of North Carolina would put $81,600.00 into the hands of the Board and enable them to supply all the destitute places in the State, and then leave $40,000.00 for Foreign Missions.

Much remains to be done before the kingdoms of this world would become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ. The world is dependent upon us for a pure gospel. Therefore, let our motto be, "The world for Christ," and God will be with us.

There is much destitution in our own Association that needs to be supplied with Baptist preaching by our State Board. The field is white unto the harvest and should be occupied.

A. C. DAVIS, Com.

It is discussed by Elders A. C. Davis, J. B. Richardson, C. Durham and E. L. Davis.

Pledges were then made for next year, for which see the miscellaneous table.

Report is adopted.

Adjourned for one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises are led by Bro. Raymond.

Bro. Bostick moves that the Sunday School work be taken up now. There is no report.

Bro. Bostick moved that the Chair appoint a Committee to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention on Bible distribution and Colportage, and also to arrange for an associational Sunday School meeting. It is discussed by Elders G. T. Raymond, W. M. Johnson, A. C. and E. L. Davis.

The Chair appoints as the Committee: Elders A. G. McManaway, Geo. P. Bostick and Bro. W. J. F. Liddell.

The report on Periodicals is read, as follows:

There is no agency in this day so potent for good or evil as the press. The world is using it in the advancement of every interest. As never before the MIND and the living VOICE are seizing it as their highway to success. The devil is utilizing it as the most efficient means of accomplishing his deepest laid schemes. And no power can Christians find so helpful in the great work to which Christ has summoned them.

Perhaps we find the reason of its great power in the fact that this is peculiarly an age of reading. And should we as Christians fail to avail ourselves of its mighty influence and help, a failure in our work will be inevitable.

In the "Biblical Recorder" we have the press at work for Christ among us and for the uplifting and leading on of our people. The "Recorder" is needed in every family. It is a great educator. We need it to strengthen and encourage in our work.

A good Sunday School paper is also needed in every family.

We need especially at this time a system of Colportage among our people.

J. B. RICHARDSON, Com.

Bro. R. H. James reads report on obtiuaries, as follows:

Clear Creek has lost two of her most devoted Christians, Bro. Wm. McManus and Sister Matilda Hinson. Arlington reports the death of Sisters Kisiah Sossomon and Sarah A. Moss, and Wilson's Grove has lost Bro. Henry Phillips. All five had reached the west side of the hill of life, and like tired children lay down by the wayside and fell asleep, and their lives all justify us in saying, with One of old: "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." Independence Hill lost Bro. A. M. Cashion, a faithful member.

R. H. JAMES.

Report is adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

	State Mis.	For. Mis.	Home Mis.	Minutes.
Clear Creek	$20.00	$5.00		$3.05
Arlington	10.00	5.00		3.00
Cold Water	10.00			
" " S. S		1.00		1.25
Cheney's Hill	10.00	5.00		1.25
Hopewell	5.00	5.00	$1.35	1.50
Howells	10.00	5.00		2.70
Independence Hill	5.00	3.00		.90
Prospect	10.00	5.00		1.50
Wilson's Grove	10.00	6.35		3.00
Charlotte				3.50
Concord	2.52			1.25
Matthews				2.20
Total,	$94.52.	41.60.	1.35.	25.10

Respectfully submitted.

E. H. HINSON, Treas.
E. C. WILLIAMS,
R. H. JAMES.

Report is adopted.

Elder A. G. McManaway is appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next session, with Elder A. C. Davis alternate.

The following delegates were appointed to the Baptist State Convention:

Elders R. H. James, Geo. P. Bostick, A. C. Davis, W. M. Johnson, E. C. Williams, and Brethren J. W. Brown, J. R. McCurdy, E. H. Hinson and Dr. V. Massey.

The Chair appoints Elders G. T. Raymond and W. M. Johnson to constitute, together with the officers of the Association, the Executive Committee.

The Chair appoints the following to write on the various subjects for next year:

Foreign Missions, Elder A. G. McManaway; Home Missions, M. W. Johnson; State Missions, J. W. Brown; Periodicals, Elder Geo. P. Bostick; Orphanage, Elder A. C. Davis; Education, Elder R. H. James.

Committee on Requests and Queries reports as follows:

We recommend that the Association hold its next annual session with the Hopewell church, and that a union meeting be appointed for the fifth Sunday in this month, to meet with the Wilson's Grove church.

W. M. JOHNSON,
J. W. BROWN.

Report is adopted.

At the request of Elder E. C. Williams Bro. Richardson leads in prayer for Bro. J. M. McCurdy, who is in the Asylum at Morganton.

A collection was taken to pay Bro. McCurdy the deficiency in printing minutes last year.

Adjourned till 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Benediction by Bro Williams.

SATURDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder E. C. Williams.

Bro. Johnson moves that a committe be appointed to prepare a report on ministerial support for next year.

Dr. H. V. Massey is appointed.

Remarks are made on this subject by Dr. H. V. Massey and Elders E. L. Lavis, J. B. Richardson and Geo. P. Bostick, and Brethren Wm. Carter and R. D. Gourley.

Report on education is read as follows:

We think that the day has come when our people are awake to the importance of education. How shall our young people gain the needful knowledge? We think there is urgent need for a school of high grade within the bounds of this Association, under Baptist control. We recommend the present system at Wake Forest for young ministers and others who expect to finish their education, and also that this Association do something for ministerial education.

B. F. HARGETT.

It is discussed by Elders E. C. Williams, Geo. P. Bostick, R. H. James, A. C. Davis and A. G. McManaway.

Report is adopted.

Report on orphanage is read as follows:

We now have 73 children being cared for and educated at our Orphanage at Thomasville. This is an important and a much needed work. God, in his wisdom, gives us these children of our brethren and sisters who have been called to their reward to educate and train them for lives of usefulness.

The Orphanage is now in special need of our help. The winter is on us, and the expense of the Orphanage is necessarily larger than through the summer. We commend this work to the churches.

R. H. JAMES.

Report is discussed by elders R. H. James, E. L. Davis, J. B. Richardson, W. M. Johnson and A. G. McManaway, and adopted.

A cash collection is taken for the Orphanage, amounting to $33.00. Bro. Davis moves that the money in the hands of the Treasurer be turned over to Bro. Bostick to be forwarded.

Bro. Davis offers the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered the brethren and friends of this community for their kind and generous hospitality.

On motion the body adjourned, to meet at Hopewell on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1888.

A. G. McMANAWAY, Moderator.

GEO. P. BOSTICK, Clerk.

MISCELLANEOUS TABLE.

Churches.	Superintendents.	Officers and Teac'rs	Schol's	Expenses of School	Missions	Pledges for 1888. State Mis.	For. Mis.	Home Mis.
Arlington	J. W. Brown	6	50	.. ....	.....	$10	$6	$6
Clear Creek	Uriah Small	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	5	5
Concord	Elder G. P. Bostick.	6	45	$36 00	$2 00	6	5	5
Cold Water	J. W. Fisher	8	40	3 50	1 57	11	6	6
Cheney's Hill	W. M. Cheney	.....	40	2 00	.. ....	2 50	5	2
Charlotte	Rev. D. T. Raymond.	20	175	.....	.....	100	40	40
Hopewell	J. F. McGraw	5	78	9 00	.....	5	2 20	3
Howells	R. D. Gourley	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	5	2
Ind. Hill	J. C. Black	5	30	.....	.....	5	2 50	5
*Matthews	T. G. Irwin	12	65	.....	.....	10	5	.....
Oak Grove	.....	5	27	.....	.....	2	.....	1
Prospect	.....	.....	.....	.....	.. ....	10	6	5
Wilson's Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	3	3
	Total,	57	395	$40.50	$3.57	$196.50	$91.50	$83

A. C. Davis, W. T. Talbott, J. W. Brown, M. W. Sutton and Mrs. R. H. James, $1 each.
*Pledges paid this year to the Union.

MISCELLANEOUS TABLE.—Continued.

Churches.	To look after Home Missions.	CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THIS YEAR.							
		State Mis.	For. Mis.	Home Mis.	Past'r's Salary.	Church Ex.	Other Objects	Minutes.	Total.
Arlington	E. H. HinSon	$ 10 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 60 15	$ 78 08	.....	$ 3 00	$ 156 23
Clear Creek	Uriah Small	20 00	5 00	5 00	100 00	15 00	.....	3 05	148 05
Concord	.....	1 52	6 75	.....	85 35	.....	10 00	1 25	103 82
Cold Water	Mrs. M. J. Smith	10 00	4 62	5 00	88 73	.....	10 00	1 25	119 60
Cheney's Hill	W. T. Talbot	10 00	5 00	.....	85 00	.....	.....	1 25	102 00
Charlotte	Mrs. R. E. Young	100 00	75 00	58 00	1500 00	300	90 00	3 50	2362 00
Hopewell	Mrs. A. Dove	5 00	5 00	1 35	200 00	5	.....	1 50	217 85
Howells	R. D. Gourley	10 00	5 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	2 70	19 00
Ind. Hill	H. D. Blackman	5 00	3 00	5 00	9 00	.....	8 40	90	120 00
Matthews	W. M. Johnson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	2 50
Oak Grove	Elder D. T. Powell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prospect	E. W. Carter	10 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	21 50
Wilson's Grove	J. B. Mullis	12 00	6.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	24 35
	Total,	‡$193.52	$125 72	$85.85	$208.18	$388.48	$ 118.40	$22.40	$3309.39

‡A cash collection was taken for State Missions of $36.85

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	PASTORS.	Clerks.. Post Office.	Sab. of preaching	Baptisms.	rec. by le'r	Restored	dis. by le'r	Excluded	Deceased	No. males	No fema's	Total
Arlington.....	R. H. James.....	J. W. Brown, Arlington.....	2	10	6	4	2	5	2	51	69	120
Clear Creek....	.....	.....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	69	120
Charlotte.....	A. G. McManaway...	T. S. Franklin, Charlotte....	all	50	46	3	13	6	4	121	195	316
Cheney's Hill..	A. C. Davis.....	W. M. Cheney, Furr's.....	....	..	2	1	9	3	..	24	36	60
Cold Water....	Geo. P. Bostick.....	W. M. Corzine, Concord.....	1	6	6	..	1	..	..	16	29	45
Concord.....	Geo. P. Bostick.....	Geo. P. Bostick, "	1,2,4	6	8	..	12	..	..	8	21	29
Howells.....	.....	A. L. Howell, Bost Mills.....	2	7	1	2	1	1	2	23	25	48
Hopewell.....	A. C. Davis.....	W. A. Honeycutt, Caldwell..	2 4	10	3	2	..	2	..	27	32	59
Ind. Hill.....	Geo. P. Bostick	J. F. Hawkins, Croft.....	3	4	1	..	..	..	1	20	21	41
Matthews	J. B. Richardson....	M. H. Lindsay, Matthews....	3	4	7	1	3	..	..	46	70	116
Oak Grove.....	.....	.....	....	..	..	..	2	2	..	7	8	15
Prospect.....	B. H. Carter.....	A. E. Lowder, Albemar e....	3	2	..	..	1	1	..	25	58	83
Wilson's Grove	E. C. Williams.....	W. E. Williams Hornet.....	3	4	1	..	4	4	2	37	43	80
		Total,		103	81	13	48	24	11	456	676	1132

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" A. C. DAVIS.....Love's Level
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J. W. BROWN.....Arlington

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HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH, MECKLENBURG CO., N. C.,
October 17, 1888.

THE Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association meets in its third annual session at this church on the above date.

In the absence of Elder A. G. McManaway, who was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, Elder R. H. James preached from the 34th Psalm and third verse: "O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together."

Recess of one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1 O'CLOCK.

In the obsence of Elder A. G. McManaway, former Moderator, and Elder G. P. Bostick, former Clerk, Elder E. C. Williams was appointed temporary Chairman and Elder J. D. Newton temporary Clerk.

After a song and prayer service, the list of churches was called and delegates enrolled as follows:

Arlington—E. H. Hinson, M. A. Dulin.
Clear Creek—W. A. Hough.
Charlotte—J. E. McManaway.
Chaney's Hill—By letter.
Concord—Elder J. D. Newton, W. S. Sapp.
Cold Water—Jno. W. Fisher.
Hopewell—W. R. Small, L. Johnson, G. Winecoff.
Howell's—Jno. R. McCurdy.

Independence Hill—J. L. Cashion, A. N. Hinson.
Matthews—Elder W. M. Johnson, T. G. Irwin.
Prospect—L. Louder, W. D. Morris, E. W. Carter.
Wilson's Grove—Elder E. C. Williams, L. R. Norket.
Oak Grove—Not represented.

The ballot for the election of officers resulted as follows:

Elder E. C. Williams, Moderator.
Elder J. D. Newton, Clerk.
Bro. E. H. Hinson, Treasurer.

The following committees are appointed by the Moderator:

On Religious Exercises, Pastor and Deacons of this church.
Periodicals, Elder J. D. Newton.
Requests and Queries, Elder A. C. Davis.
Finance, Brethren E. H. Hinson and J. E. McManaway.
Foreign Missions, Bro. J. E. McManaway.
Home Missions, Bro. Jno. R. McCurdy.
State Missions, Elder J. D. Newton.
Order of Business, Elders A. C. Davis and R. H. James.
Orphanage, Elder A. C. Davis.
Education, Elder R. H. James.
Time and place of next meeting, Brethren W. R. Small, and M. A. Dulin.
Ministerial Support, Elder R. H. James.
Sabbath Schools, Elder A. C. Davis.

The committee on Order of Business submits the following report, which is adopted:

Meet at 9:30 a. m.; spend half hour in devotional exercises; adjourn at 12; meet at 1 p. m.; adjourn at pleasure. Report on Periodicals, 10 o'clock to-morrow; Foreign Missions, 11 o'clock; Home Missions, 1 o'clock p. m.: State Missions, 2 o'clock. On Friday, 10 o'clock, Sabbath Schools; Orphanage, 11 o'clock; Education, 1 o'clock; Ministerial Support, 2 o'clock. Miscellaneous business and adjournment.

Respectfully submitted.
A. C. DAVIS,
R. H. JAMES.

On motion adjourned with prayer by Elder J. D. Newton.

Elder J. D. Newton is appointed to preach to-night.

SECOND DAYS' SESSION.

THURSDAY, 7:30 A. M.

After half hour spent in devotional exercises conducted by Bro. J. E. McManaway, the Moderator calls the Association to order.

Minutes of the previous day are read, and after corrections approved.

Bro. J. H. Mills, representing the Orphanage at Thomasville, is recognized and welcomed by the Association.

On motion the report on the Orphanage is made the special order for 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Letter from Matthews read and delegates enrolled.

The hour for the special order having arrived, the report on Periodicals is read by Elder J. D. Newton, as follows.

Most people feed their bodies three times a day, and many seem to forget that it is equally important to feed the mind. Thousands are dying every year for the lack of information which will make them wise unto salvation. "Reading makes a full man." Many people greedily devour the poisonous literature that is disseminated in our country, while they neglect to even taste the wholesome food contained in our religious books and papers.

The Biblical Recorder, our State Organ, when read thoroughly every week will give anyone broader views of Christian work, and lead to greater activity in the Master's cause. The Recorder should be read by every Baptist family within the bounds of our Association and throughout the State.

The Foreign Mission Journal, published by the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, is an ably edited monthly, and is indispensable in giving the necessary information about the foreign fields.

The Gospel Herald, a neat, popular monthly, published by the State Board of Missions at Raleigh, should be extensively read by our people, because it points them to the destitution in our own State; and not only this, but it points to the progress Baptists are making in North Carolina and in the known world.

Charity and Children, published weekly by the Orphan boys at Thomasville, is valuable in dispensing the information so much needed about our Orphanage work. Let us read more, study more, and think more, and greater things will be attempted, and greater things will be done in reclaiming a lost world from powers of darkness.

Respectfully submitted. J. D. NEWTON.

After the discussion by Elders J. D. Newton, R. H. James, A. C. Davis, and Bro. J. H. Mills, the report is adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions is read by Bro. J. E. McManaway, as follows:

Have you ever stood upon the summit of a high mountain in the

early morn and peered out into the darkness that surrounded you, and nothing but darkness was reflected back? But as you watched forcoming day you turned your eyes toward the far East and presently caught a glimmering red light that gradually took the place of the thick darkness. This light became brighter and brighter, the sky clearer and clearer, the darkness gradually being dispelled, when almost in a moment the glorious sun raised his shining body out of the ocean seemingly, and illuminated the world as far as eye could see. Such a scene is beautiful but I am going to show you one more beautiful than this. Not a century ago beyond this land of ours lay another country draped in darkness. As silently as the midnight would the years come and go, but with them would come no spiritual light. The cold waves lashed upon the shore, but they brought no "tidings of joy." But there came a time when a brave young man left his home and loved ones and set out across the deep to this land of darknesss with the gospel light in his heart to give to the people. But one light in that land of darkness was like a lone lost star. Since that time more and more men and women have followed, and to-day missionaries can go into any part of China without danger. Never in the world's history has there been more done towards christianizing the outside world. Never has the heathen world accepted as much from Christian nations as they are now doing. The early missionaries toiled in darkness, but now they are toiling in the light of "coming day." An entire State used to send out one man, now this church and that church has a man and wife in foreign fields. Men of wealth are preparing men for the geat work of preaching the gospel, and will send them forth after they are prepared. "Go forward," is God's command, and if it is obeyed, we shall before long gain for Christ a victory over the entire heathen world. North Carolina's sons and daughters are not behind in the onward march for at the close of this year she will have eighteen fighting under the banner of our King. With Powell, Moseley and Chastian in Mexico, Herring and Bryan in China, Taylor and Barker in Brazil, David and Eubank in Africa, and many others soon to join in the struggles in these different fields, why may we not hope to effect a reformation through the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives and characters of the heathen nations. Respectfully submitted, J. E. McMANAWAY.

It is discussed by Bro. J. E. McManaway and Elder J. D. Newton. Pending motion to adopt the following pledges were taken for Foreign Missions:

Arlington, $3.00; Charlotte, $50.00; Cold Water, $2.50; Concord, $7.00; Hopewell, $5.00; Independence Hill, $3.00; Matthews, $5.00; Prospect, $5.00; Elder E. C. Williams, $1.00.

The report is adopted.

On motion adjourned for one hour.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1 O'CLOCK.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder A. C. Davis.

The hour for the special order having arrived, Elder

A. C. Davis read the report on the Baptist Orphanage, as follows:

"Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27. In Gal. 2:10 we are told that Paul and Barnabas were instructed to remember the poor in their travels. We are also told in Jas. 2:5 that God hath made choice of the poor to be heirs of his kingdom. "He that giveth to the poor, lendeth to the Lord, and that which he hath given, will he pay him again." Prov. 19:17. There are many other places in the word where our duty to the poor is set forth.

There are now ninety children at the Orphanage at Thomasville. They are dependent upon us for food and raiment. The orphan children will be a stain upon society if we fail to teach them the morals of the Bible. It is said that when the Russians wish to inaugurate some great change in their government they have the principles taught the children in their school. If we wonld have our children become law abiding citizens and God-fearing mothers, we must teach them.

Respectfully submitted, A. C. DAVIS.

On motion to adopt Bro. J. H. Mills made a tender thrilling speech, after which a cash collection was taken amounting to $11.65. The report is adopted.

The following report on State Missions is presented by Elder J. D. Newton:

"Missions is life. Anti-missions, or omissions, is death," The great Master of the Harvest has said, "The field is the world." North Carolina is a part of the world, and should be a very great part with us who live in it, for the hope of the heathen world is in well-organized and well-trained churches at home. Why, is it, that at the close of the present year, our State will have in the foreign fields more missionaries than any two Southern States combined? The answer is not hard. North Carolina Baptists are thoroughly alive with the mission spirit, and are entering every part of the State, and planting gospel churches. The State Board at Raleigh now has in its employ, eighty-seven missionaries and 13 colporteurs, who are going from house to house, from community to community, from town to town, scattering gospel seeds, by words and deeds, by books and papers, and God is marvelously blessing their labors. Although much has been done, the battle has only begun and by patient untiring perseverance, soon, ah soon! the song will be wafted on the pure breeze of the morning from the sea coast to the mountains, "Carolina for Jesus." The Board needs your prayers, your money and your hearty support in completing this year's work, the noblest and grandest ever undertaken in its history.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. NEWTON.

It is discussed by Elders J.D. Newton, R. H. James, and A. C. Davis. Pending motion to adopt, the following pledges were taken for the coming year:

Concord, $5.00; Cold Water,$6.00; Charlotte, $100-

00; Independence Hill, $5.00; Matthews, $5.00; Prospect, $5.00; Wilson's Grove, $5.00; E. H. Hinson, $1.00; W. A. Hough, .50

The report is adopted.

On motion adjourned, prayer by Bro. J. H. Mills.

Elder W. M. Johnson appointed to preach to-night.

FRIDAY MORNING, THIRD DAY,

October 19th.

The Association meets at 9:30, and is led in devotional exercises for half hour by Elder W. M. Johnson.

The Moderator then calls to order and minutes of the previous day are read and after corrections approved.

On motion Home Missions is made the order for 10 o'clock, instead of Sabbath Schools, the regular order.

By request of the appointee, the report on Home Missions is prepared and read by Elder J. D. Newton, as follows:

Headquarters for the Home Board is in Atlanta, Ga. Rev. A. G. McManaway, of Charlotte, is one of the Vice Presidents. The main points under the direction of the board are these: New Orleans, Cuba, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Indian Territory. We have only to look at the development of the work in Baltimore, Richmond, Raleigh, Charlotte, Wilmington; also in Charleston and Augusta, to get an idea of what has been done in former years by the wise plans of this Board. We have only to look at the grand work of our dear brother, A. J. Diaz, in Cuba, for present encouragement and for stimulus in giving liberally of our means to sustain this Board in its great undertakings. It seems that nothing now lies in the way of our taking Cuba for Christ and for heaven. A great work is also being done for the colored people of the South. Their souls are as precious in the sight of God as those of our own color. Let us redouble our contributious to this department of our work, and God will reward us for it. Respectfully submitted.

J. D. NEWTON,

It is discussed by Elder J. D. Newton. Pending motion to adopt the following were appointed to look after Home Missions in the different churches during the ensuing year:

Arlington—M. A. Dulin.

Clear Creek—Mrs. U. C. Small.

Concord— —— —— ——

Cold Water—Mrs. M. J. Smith.

Chaney's Hill—Miss Florence Sossamon.

Charlotte—Mrs. R. Young.

Hopewell—Mrs. Jane Winecoff.

Howell's—A. L. Howell.
Independenee Hill—H. B. Blackman.
Matthews—W. M. Johnson.
Oak Grove— —— —— ——
Prospect—E. W. Carter.
Wilson's Grove—L. R. Norket.
The report is adopted.

Elder R. H. James submits the following on ministsterial support:

In 1 Cor. 9:14, we have these words: "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel." Again, "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? Who planteth a vineyard and eateth not the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock and eatheth not the milk of the flock?" I Cor. 9:7. Therefore, pay your pastors, and you will have better preaching and more of it.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. JAMES.

After remarks by Elders R. H. James and W. M. Johnson, the report is adopted.

The report on Requests and Queries is presented by Elder A. C. Davis as follows:

The churches at Prospect and Matthews request the next session of the Association to be held with them.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. DAVIS,
J. W. FISHER.
J. R. McCURDY

On motion Matthews is chosen as the place of next meeting, and Elder J. D. Newton to preach the introductory sermon.

Elder A. C. Davis moves that the Association meet on Thursday next year instead of Wednesday as heretofore.

After remarks by different brethren, the motion is carried.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 1 O'CLOCK.

The Moderator calls the Association to order, and Elder J. D. Newton leads in prayer.

The report on Education is prepared, by the request of the appointee, and read by Elder J. D, Newton, as as follows:

Education is a subject to command the attention of all classes among us, and especially the education of our ministry. There are now, dependent upon the Board of Education at Wake Forest, 29 young ministers, all bending their energies to better equip themselves for the preaching of the gospel to dying men and women throughout the nations of the earth. While we point with pleasure and gratitude to the work being done at Wake Forest, let us not forget our more prominent female institutions at Thomasville, Oxford and Murfreesboro. These all deserve our hearty support and patronage.

Let us also recognize our Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky., which is in many respects the grandest institution on the American continent. Truly our hearts should beat with pride when we see the interest manifested by Baptists in the education of both the head and heart of our people. Respectfully submitted,

J. D. NEWTON.

It is discussed by Elders J. D. Newton and A. C. Davis, and afterwards adopted.

The report on Sabbath Schools is read by Elder A. C. Davis as follows:

The Sabbath School work is one in which all may engage. If they cannot teach, they can be taught the truths of God's Word. It is in the Sabbath School that many receive their first impressions of the Saviour's love. The children of our brethren and our neighbors must be taught God's truths or they will grow up in ignorance and vice. The time to impress truth is in childhood, therefore let all the brethren and sisters of this Association take hold of the work with determination, and God's blessings will be upon you. Respectfully,

A. C. DAVIS.

On motion the report is adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee is presented by Bro. E. H. Hinson as follows:

	For. Mis.	Home Mis.	State Mis.	Min.
Arlington	$2.50	$6.00	$5.00	$2.00
Charlotte				3.00
Clear Creek	5.00		5.00	2.56
Chaney's Hill	2.50	2.50		1.00
Cold Water			7.00	1.25
Concord				1.25
Howell's	3.00		5.00	1.00
Ind. Hill	2.50		5.00	1.00
Matthews			10.00	2.00
Hopewell	2.50		2.50	1.00
Wilson's Grove	3.00	3 00	10 00	50
Prospect	5 00	8 00	10 00	1 50

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. HINSON, Treas,

J. E. McMANAWAY.

On motion adopted.

The Moderator appoints the following to write on the various objects for next year:

Foreign Missions—Elder J. D. Newton.
State " — " W. M. Johnson.
Home " — " A. G. McManaway.
Education—Bro. E. H. Erwin.
Orphanage—Elder R. H. James.
Obituaries — " A. C. Davis.
Sabbath Schools—Bro. J. L. Cashion.

On motion of Elder A. C. Davis, Elder J. D. Newton is requested to prepare an obituary on the life and work of our esteemed and departed brother, Rev. J. M. McCurdy. (See on last page).

On motion the chair appointed the following delegates to the Baptist State Convention to be held in Greensboro Nov. 14, 1888: Elders A. G. McManaway W. M. Johnson, J. D. Newton, and also brethren J. R. McCurdy, R. D. Gourley, J. D. Smith.

On motion the Treasurer is authorized to forward all funds in hand to Treasurer Baptist State Convention.

On motion the funds for minutes are turned over to the clerk of the Association.

The following resolution is offerered by Elder J. D. Newton.

Seeing the necessity for a regularly established system of Associational Mission work, therefore,

Resolved 1st. That a Mission Committee, consisting of the pastors and one member from each church in the Association be apppointed, whose duty it shall be to look out encouraging points for the organization of Baptist churches within our bounds, and that this committee shall take into consideration the advisability and propriety of making the necessary appropriations to sustain missionaries at these different points.

Resolved 2nd. That this Mission Committee meet on Saturday at 10 o'clock, before every fifth Sunday during the year, at some convenient point. Respectfully, J. D. NEWTON.

On motion the resolution is adopted after remarks, and the following committee was appointed and approved.

Arlington, J. W. Brown.
Clear Creek, W. A. Hough.
Concord, W. S. Sapp.
Cold Water, M. W. Ferguson.
Chaney's Hill, W. T. Tolbert.
Charlotte, J. C. Dowd.

Hopewell, W. R. Small.
Howell's, J. R. McCurdy.
Independence Hill, J. L. Cashion.
Matthews, T. G. Irwin.
Prospect, S. E. Greely.
Wilson's Grove, L. R. Norket.
Oak Grove, James Whittington.

The clerk is given the following notice: The above committee will hold its first meeting at Clear Creek on Saturday before fifth Sunday in December at 10 o'clock. A full attendance is desired and earnestly requested.

Bro W. A Hough offers the following:

Resolved, Resolved that the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered the brethren and friends of this community for their kind and generous hospitality. Respectfully,

W. A. HOUGH.
JNO. R. McCURDY.

Adopted.

On motion adjourned with prayer by Elder J. D. Newton, to meet with the church at Matthews on Thursday before the third Sunday in October 1889.

E. C. WILLIAMS, Moderator,
J. D. Newton, Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

Churches.	Superintendent.	Of.& Tea.	Schol.	Ex.of School.	Mis.
Arlington.....	E. H. Williams.		50		
Clear Creek....	U. C. Small.....		64		
Cold Water.....	J. W. Fisher.....	8	37	11.00	2.37
Concord.....	Eld.J.D.Newton	6	53	12.50	2.05
Charlotte.....	W. N. Prather..	25	200	150.00	
Hopewell.....			45		
Howell's.....	R. D. Gourley...				
Ind. Hill.....	J. C. Black.....		30	4.82	
Matthews.....	T. G. Irwin.....	10	60	26.34	
Prospect.....			54	3.00	

No reports from Chaney's Hill, Oak Grove and Wilson's Grove. I know it will be painful to you that this report of our Sunday Schools should have been so imperfect, but I have given all the report you sent.

CLERK.

Obituary.

By Rev. J. D. Newton.

Rev. JACOB MONROE McCURDY.

The subject of this memoir was born in Cabarrus Co., N. C., April 9th, 1830, and died June 5th, 1888. In August 1853 he united with Howell's Baptist church, in Cabarrus Co., and in 1880 was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry, after having preached for a number of years as a licentiate. His first work, however, was in the capacity of deacon, the duties of which office he discharged nobly, winning for himself the esteem, affection and full confidence of all who knew him. In giving the life and character of this "servant of God," it is important to know something of his inner life.

1. In the first place, let me say he was a close and devout student of the word of God, making it the "guide of his youth" and the "lamp to his feet." Not having the advantages of either Academical or College training, he gave himself to private study of the word, endeavoring as nearly as possible to get true and clear conceptions of its teachings. Realizing his own insufficiency to such an extent doubtless led him to rely more fully on the Holy Spirit to guide him into truth. This leads us to the second characteristic, and by no means the least of his excellent christian qualities.

2. He was a man of prayer, as was evinced first, by his daily walk and conversation; and secondly, by his earnest exhortations to men to seek that great and only source of spiritual strength and power. He was often seen upon his knees communing with his God and praying for enlightenment, that he might enlighten others and make the way plain to them.

2. Again, he loved to preach the gospel. Having been brought to the light and to see his own sins through the preaching of the gospel he felt that others must hear before they could believe and have like hopes and experiences. Often the difficulties that every faithful minister of the cross has to encounter, would rise mountain high before him, but the wings of his faith would lift him over them, so that he could say with one of old, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped me."

4. Again, he was thoroughly missionary in spirit and in pratice. As a proof of this fact, you have only to follow his tracks over the hills and through the valleys, and from many households you will hear expressions like these: "Bro. McCurdy baptized me;" "Bro. McCurdy was the first Baptist preacher I ever heard;" "Bro. McCurdy

came into our house one dark night and the rain was falling in torrents, while on his way to———: "Bro. McCurdy called in one day while there was a heavy snow on the ground, an usually bad day, on his way from———;" Rest assured that it was from some extended missionary tour. He not only gave his time and talents, but a very large part of the means accruing from his ardent manual labors. Bro. McCurdy gave the first dollar for the building of a house of worship in Concord. The first to be baptized in the county, his loving heart went out for the salvation of the souls of those in the leading town in the county. God be praised for such a missionary!

5. Again, he was an earnest christian—the grandest encomium that can be ascribed by man or God, to man. It was not so much his desire to have it said that he was a christian, but he desired to be a christian in deed and in truth.

6. Again, he was a suffering christian, having received several injuries at a cotton gin, and finally a cancer appearing under his left arm resulted in his removal from earth to heaven.

7. Lastly, and in conclusion, we can safely say, Jacob Monroe McCurdy was a triumphant christian. "He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved." While my pen is gliding over this white page, and, reader, while your eyes are following these lines, the spirit of this "servant of God" is at rest in that blessed home which our Saviour has gone to prepare; and his consecrated life calls not only his companion and his children to meet him there, but his friends, his neighbors, and those for whom he prayed. If, while in this world of sin and suffering, he could sing with so much spirit, "Jesus lover of my soul, Let me to thy bosom fly," surely, now, that he is safe forever, he can sing the sweet chorus, with the happy realization of its truthfullnes, "Rock of Ages cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee."

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches.	Home Mis.	State Mis.	For. Mis.	Orphan age.	Education.	Minutes.	Church Exp's.	Sun. School.	Pas. Salary.	Total.
Arlington	$ 6.00	$ 5.00	$ 2.50			$ 2.00				$ 15.50
Clear Creek	5.81	5.00	2.00			1.75			100.00	114.56
Chaney's Hill	2.50		2.50			1.00				6.00
Cold Water	6.00	11.00	6.00	.72		1.25	5.00	11.00	85.00	115.97
Concord	1.43	5.26	5.32	1.16	1.25	1.25	22.00	12.50	100.00	137.67
Charlotte	63.50	100.00	63.50	25.00	20.00	3.00	525.00	150.00	1500.	2300.00
Howell's		5.00	3.00			1.10				9.10
Ind. Hill	5.00	5.00	2.50			1.00			80.00	94.50
Hopewell		2.50	2.50			1.50	88.32	10.80	100.00	205.62
Matthews	5.00	10.00	5.00	9.13		2.00		26.34	260.00	317.47
Wilson's Grove	3.00	10.00	3.00			.50				16.50
Prospect	5.00	10.00	5.00			1.50	6.35	3 00	25 00	55 85
Oak Grove										
	103 24	163 76	102 82	36 01	21 25	17 85	646 67	213 64	2250 00	3387 72

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Postoffice.	Sab.Prea.	Baptisms.	Rec.by Let	Restored.	Dis.by Let	Excluded	Deceased	No. Males	No.Fem's	Total.
Arlington		J.W. Brown	Arlington	2	2	4	2		4	2	40	55	95
Charlotte	A.G.McManaway	T. S. Franklin	Charlotte	all	5	34		15	2	2	131	204	335
Clear Creek	J. L. Bennett	J. A. Estrige	Clear Creek		4	3	2	3	8		36	67	103
Cold Water	J. D. Newton	W. M. Corzine	Concord	1		2		2		1	16	28	44
Concord	J. D. Newton	R. P. Lentz	Concord	all	1	6		1			11	24	35
Chaney's Hill	A. C. Davis	W. M. Chaney	Furr'sStore	3		2		2		4	23	32	55
Hopewell	A. C. Davis	W.A.Honeycutt	Dav. Col.		12	3	1		4		30	33	63
Howell's		A. L. Howell	Bost Mills	2					2	1	17	22	39
Ind. Hill		J. F. Hawkins	Croft		2	4					23	27	50
Matthews	J. B. Richardson	M. H. Lindsay	Matthews	3	13	9	2			1	51	74	125
Prospect	B. H. Carter	A. E. Louder	Albemarle	3	3				1		25	58	83
Wilson's Grove	E. C. Williams			3	5	1		4		1	39	48	87

☞No report from Oak Grove.

PROCEEDINGS.

MATTHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH,
MECKLENBURG COUNTY, N. C., Oct. 17, 1889.

THE MECKLENBURG AND CABARRUS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its fourth annual session at Matthews on the above date.

Moderator, Elder E. C. Williams, calls the Association to order.

On motion of Elder A. G. McManaway, the introductory sermon is postponed until to-night.

The list of churches is called and delegates enrolled as follows:

Arlington—E. C. Williams, E. H. Hinson, E. H. Williams.

Charlotte—J. E. McManaway, I. W. Durham, T. S. Franklin.

Clear Creek—H. W. Pigg, J. M. Adcock, H. T. Baker.

Cold Water—J. W. Fisher, C. E. Harris.

Concord—W. S. Sapp.

Chaney's Hill—W. T. Talbert, Frank Sossamon, J. S. Kizer.

Hopewell—W. A. Honeycutt, C. A. Hudspeth.

Howell's—J. R. McCurdy.

Independence Hill—J. L. Cashion.

Matthews—J. C. Helms, F. C. Hortis, T. J. Renfroe.

Oak Grove—Not represented.

Prospect—E. W. Carter, P. A. Carter.

Wilson's Grove—L. R. Norket, H. L. Helms, W. E. Williams.

The ballot for election of officers resulted as follows:

Elder E. C. Williams, Moderator; Elder J. D. Newton, Clerk, and Bro. E. H. Hinson, Treasurer.

Adjourned an hour and a-half for dinner.

Benediction by Elder McManaway.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator reads the Scriptures and Elder J. E. King leads in prayer.

Pastor and Deacons of this church are appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises.

The Orphanage is made special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Report on Order of Business is presented as follows:

This afternoon, State of the Churches; 9:30 to 10, Religious Exercises; 10 to 11:30, Orphanage; 11:30 to 12:30, Home Missions; 2 to 3, Foreign Missions; Saturday, 9:30 to 10, Religious Exercises; 10 to 12, State Missions; 12 to 12:30, Miscellaneous Business; 2 to 2:30, Sabbath Schools; 2:30 to 3, Obituaries.

A. G. McManaway,
W. M. Johnson.

It is adopted.

State of the Churches is taken up, and interesting and encouraging reports are presented by the brethren.

Adjourned with song.

Benediction by Elder R. H. James.

Elder J. D. Newton preached the introductory sermon at night from John i., 10: "Andrew, Simon Peter's brother."

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder Newton.

The Moderator calls the body to order.

Letter from Independence Hill read and delegates enrolled.

Visiting brethren are recognized, and the following reported and welcomed. Elder R. H. James, from the Union Association; Elder J. E. King, from the Green

River, and Bro. J. W. Oliver from the Baptist Orphanage.

The following committees are appointed:

On Time and Place of Meeting—Elder W. M. Johnson, W. S. Sapp, E. H. Williams.

On Finance—E. H. Hinson, W. T. Tolbert.

On Obituaries—Elder J. B. Richardson, J. L. Cashion.

On Periodicals—J. E. McManaway.

The hour for the special order having arrived, Elder James reads the report on the Baptist Orphanage as follows:

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

If anything on earth has God for its father and religion for its mother, it is the Orphanage at Thomasville. That institution must assuredly be heaven-born, as it stoops down to lift the poor fatherless from woe and misery and elevate them to a grand and noble life of usefulness. God has wonderfully blessed this institution, and it has now one hundred and twelve children to be fed, clothed and trained, and they look to Bro. J. H. Mills as their earthly father, and he looks to God for food and raiment for this large family of children.

My brethren, there are orphans that would make men and women if people would take them and train them for society; but if we leave them to the mercy of this cold world all the manhood and womanhood will be crushed out of them before it matures. It will cost more to let them go than to care for, educate and train them. Mr. Dugdale has investigated this matter, and says the descendants of one uncared-for girl cost the country $167,650, when $50 spent in the start in training and educating the mother might have saved them all. The majority of children are just what their parents make them. It is true that some children are a failure, but God requires that they shall be trained in the way that they should go. So, brethren, let us do all we can to help the fatherless, and God will bless us in so doing. "Thy will, O God, be done on earth, as it is done in heaven."

R. H. James.

It is discussed by Bro. J. W. Oliver, Elders James, King and Richardson, and adopted. A cash collection is taken, amounting to $17.55.

The report on Home Missions is submitted by Elder McManaway as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Southern Baptist Convention has but two Boards. The Foreign Board directs its efforts among other nations, and the Home Board seeks to supply the destitution in our own Southern States and Territories and in the Island of Cuba. Three hundred and twenty-eight missionaries labored under the direction of this Board last year, and these laborers received into Baptist churches within that period 8,402 persons, an average of over twenty-five for each one. These figures indicate that the blessing of the Lord is upon this Board, and also indicate that we should increase our contributions to a work which receives such manifest tokens of His pleasure. The Board asks North Carollna Baptists for three times as much this year as we contributed last year. The money should be sent to Bro. J. D. Boushall, Treasurer Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, N. C., by April 15th, 1890. Let us see that our own Association does her part in raising the largely increased amount asked for by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. McMANAWAY, Committee.

It is discussed by Bro. J. E. McManaway, the pledges taken, and the names of those who are to look after this object in the churches may be found on the last page.

The report is adopted.

Adjourned an hour and a-half for dinner.

Benediction by Elder McManaway.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator.

After singing, the report on Foreign Missions is read by Elder Newton as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The last words of Jesus were, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, Judea, and also in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." A narrow, contracted idea as to the area embraced in the command will not do, for it is evident that the Gospel was intended for "every creature." The command is to "go," and it is binding upon the churches to send the Gospel as far as possibie. There are now thirty missionaries from North Carolina laboring in foreign fields under the appointment of the Foreign Board. Surely this fact in itself should revive our interest in the fields abroad. The need of the Board is $150,000. The fields occupied by our Southern missionaries

are China, Japan, Brazil, Africa, Italy, Mexico and others. The encouragements coming up from these different countries are sufficient to lead the Board to press vigorously the work of giving them the truth as it is in Jesns. God help us to bear some part, humble though it be, in helping these sin-cursed lands.

Respectfully submitted, J. D. NEWTON.

After the discussion by Elders Newton, McManaway, Richardson, Johnson and James the report is adopted. See pledges for Foreign Missions on last page.

Report on Time and Place of Next Meeting is as follows:

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Independence Hill as the place, and on Thursday before third Sunday in October, 1890, at 11 o'clock, A. M., Elder A. G. McManaway to preach the sermon.

W. M. JOHNSON,
W. S. SAPP,
E. H. WILLIAMS.

Adopted.

On motion, adjourned with song.

Elder McManaway appointed to preach to-night.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Elder J. C. Stowell conducts devotional exercises.

The Moderator calls the Association to order, and the minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

Visiting brethren are called on to report.

Elder C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions; Elder J. C. Stowell, Elder J. A. Spaight, of the Biblical Recorder; Elders J. W. Davis, A. C. Davis, of the Union Association, and Brethren W. R. Massey, J. P. Laney, J. T. Funderburk, of South Carolina, are welcomed.

Elder Spaight speaks in the interest of the Biblical Recorder.

Elder C. Durham reads the report on State Missions:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

All that has been done, all that is now being done, and all that will be done to give the Gospel to the destitute of our State is properly called State Missions. This is true whether the work has been done under appointment of the Board of our Baptist State Convention, by the Associations, local churches, or undertaken by individuals independently without appointment by any human action. For more than one hundred years the Baptists of this State have been engaged in this work, and we are glad to say that during all these years it has never been so large, so hopeful, or so satisfactory in results as during this year. The Board has had this year ninety-six missionaries and fifteen colporteurs. These have been located in the destitute villages and country neighborhoods from the sea to beyond the mountains.

We recommend:—

1. That the pastors keep their churches well informed about the growth, needs and prospects of State Missions.

2. That pastors and people be requested to pray the Lord to bless this work in the future even more than in the past.

3. That the churches be urged to give more to the support of this work than ever before in the history of our denominational work.

COMMITTEE.

It is discussed by Elder C. Durham.

Cash collection taken amounting to $5.07. See pledges for State Missions on last page.

It is adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Elder A. G. McManaway is appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention; Elder J. D. Newton, alternate.

Elder J. B. Richardson, Brethren B. F. Hargett and J. E. McManaway are appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Bro. E. H. Hinson reads the report of the Finance Committee. (See on last page.) It is adopted.

On motion, the funds are turned over to the different representatives of the Boards, and also the minute fund is turned over to the Clerk of the Association.

The report on Periodicals is read by Brother J. E. McManaway as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee would recommend that every Baptist in the State should read the Biblical Recorder, as it ranks high as a denominational paper, and no other can take its place to a North Carolina Baptist. We would also recommend "Our Home Field" and "Foreign Mission Journal"—two representatives of the Home and Foreign fields. They tell us the glorious work these boards are doing in carrying the good news to those who have it not. We would also recommend "Charity and Children," published by the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

J. E. McMANAWAY.

On motion, it was adopted.

Elders A. G. McManaway, J. D. Newton, J. B. Richardson, Brethren I. W. Durham and J. L. Cashion are elected Executive Committee.

The following resolution is read by Bro. McManaway:

That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered the members of this church, and the citizens of the community, for their kind hospitality during this session.

J. E. McMANAWAY.
J. R. McCURDY.

Resolution adopted.

On motion, Sunday-Schools is made the order for 10 o'clock to-morrow.

On motion, the Clerk is allowed $10.00 for his services.

Collection is taken to refund the amount advanced on last year for minutes, amounting to $3.25.

By request, the following is prepared for the minutes by the Clerk on Education:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The education of our people is a positive duty, and especially the education of young men called of God to preach His Gospel. There are about thirty-five young ministers now at Wake Forest College, all dependent on the Education Board for the means necessary to pursue their studies. Let every church in our Association take at least one collection during the year for this worthy object.

By request the following on Obituaries is prepared by the Clerk for the minutes:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Bro. W. J. F. Liddell, a member of the Baptist church in Charlotte, has, during the past year, been called to his reward on high. He was a consecrated deacon, a beloved husband and father, a noble worker in every good cause, a man highly esteemed and honored by his church and by the citizens of the town in which he lived, but God knows how He can best glorify Himself, and He never makes a mistake, so He called His servant to a higher position, and to-day, doubtless, he is sitting with Christ on His throne.

Bro. U. C. Small, a member and deacon of Clear Creek Baptist church, was called from his labors on earth to join the redeemed in the skies. He leaves a wife and several children and a host of brethren and friends to mourn his departure, but the period of separation will not be long for those who follow him, for we believe that he was faithful unto death, and therefore has received a crown of life.

Others also, whose names do not appear on this page, have passed away and are basking in the light of God's eternal presence. "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at Independence Hill on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1890.

Elder C. Durham leads in a fervent prayer for the blessing of the Lord upon the work of the Association and its future efforts.

E. C. WILLIAMS, *Moderator.*

J. D. Newton, Clerk.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Postoffice.	Sab. Preach.	Baptisms	Rec'd by Let.	Restored	Dis. by Let.	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Pastors' Sal.	Incid'tl Ex.	Poor
Arlington	E. C. Williams	E. H. Hinson	Arlington	2	6	1	1	3	2	2	41	46	87	$	$	$
Clear Creek	J. L. Bennett	J. A. Estridge	Clear Creek	4	24	4	9	3		1	59	86	145	100 00		
Chaney's Hill	R. H. James	W. M. Chaney	Furr's Store	3	11	5	1	1		1	25	41	66	50 00	10 00	
Charlotte	A. G. McManaway	T. S. Franklin	Charlotte	all	7	22		7	1	3	135	218	353	1500 00	202 03	77 98
Cold Water	J. D. Newton	C. E. Harris	Concord	1						2	16	26	42	85 00	4 50	
Concord	J. D. Newton	R. P. Lentz	Concord	all	7	10		5		1	18	28	46	180 00	618 00	18 69
Hopewell	A. C. Davis	W A. Honeycutt	Dav. Coll'ge	4	11				1	2	32	38	70	100 00		
Howell's	E. C. Williams	C. H. Helms	Furr's Store	4	2		2	1	3	1	19	25	44	30 00		
Independence Hill	J. D. Newton	J. F. Hawkins	Croft	3	3	1		4	2		24	23	47	125 00	6 50	
Matthews	J. B. Richardson	M. H. Lindsay	Matthews	4	12	7	2	1	3	1	60	87	147	250 00	5 47	
Prospect	B. H. Carter	A. E. Lowder	Albemarle	3	1			2	2		25	55	80	25 00		
Wilson's Grove	R. H. James	C. A. Kizer	Harnet	1	17	7	3	2	1		47	57	104	100 00		
					102	57	18	29	15	14	471	730	1221	$2551 00	$845 50	$96 67

STATISTICAL TABLE—Concluded.

CHURCHES.	Pastor	Clerk.	Postoffice.	Minutes.....	Repairs.....	State Mis'ns	For. Miss'ns	H'me Mis'ns	Education..	Orphanage..	Total.....
Arlington.....	E. C. Williams....	E. H. Hinson.....	Arlington ...	$ 2 05	$	$ 3 50	$ 2 60	$ 2 25	$	$ 3 00	$ 13 20
Clear Creek.....	J. L. Bennett.....	J. A. Estrige.....	Cear Creek..	3 05		5 00		5 00			113 05
Chaney's Hill.....	R. H. James.....	W. M. Chaney.....	Furr s Store	1 50			3 00				64 50
Charlotte.....	A. G. McManaway	T. S. Franklin.....	Charlotte....	5 00		100 00	37 50	37 50	55 00	91 78	2106 79
Cold Water.....	J. D. Newton.....	C. E. Harris.....	Concord.....	2 50	86 00	7 75	5 00	3 50	3 00	4 75	202 00
Concord.	J. D. Newton.....	R. P. Lentz.....	Concord.....	3 00		13 00	22 00	3 75	3 00	5 00	911 44
Hopewell.....	A. C. Davis.....	W A. Honeycutt.	Dav. Coll'ge			2 00					102 00
Howell's	E. C. Williams.....	C. H Helms.....	Furr's Store	1 00	50 00					2 00	83 00
Independence Hill	J. D. Newton.....	J. F. Hawkins.....	Croft.	1 00	2 50	5 00	300	5 00	2 00	2 50	153 50
Matthews.....	J. B. Richardson..	M. H. Lindsay.....	Matthews ...	3 00		10 00	8 65	6 07	2 57	5 00	324 67
P. ospect	B. H. Carter.....	A. E. Lowder.....	Albemarle..	1 50	52 50	3 00	5 00	5 00			91 50
Wilson's Grove.....	R. H. James.....	C. A. Kizer.....	Harnet.....	1 65	150 00	5 00					256 65
				$26 35	$340 00	$154 25	$83 75	$68 07	$65 67	$113 75	$3422 30

Sunday-School Table.

Churches	Superintendent.	Of'rs & Te'rs	Schools	Expenses	Contrib't'ns	Vols. in Li'y.	Quarterlies and Papers
Arlington	F. M. Hinson	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Clear Creek	J. A. Estrige	5	60	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	.....	20
Chaney's Hill	C. R. Sossamon	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....
Charlotte	W. F. Dowd	28	180	$100 00	$134 70	100	180
Cold Water	J. W. Fisher	5	30	1 25	1 25	50	25
Concord	J. D. Newton	6	70	13 50	16 50	30	37
Hopewell	J. T. Hudspeth	9	40	4 50	2 00	.....	20
Howell's	D. W. Bost	10	68	1 28	....	.....	.....
Independence Hill	A. N. Hinson	5	20	2 69	....	.....	60
Matthews	J. T. Renfroe	11	90	30 00	57 00	.....	140
Prospect	L. Lowder	5	30	3 50	....	....	52
Wilson's Grove	L. R. Norket	12	190	5 27	....	.....	.....

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches.	To look after Home Missions.	For. Mis'ns.	H'me Mis'ns	State Mis'ns	Orphanage..	Education ...	Minutes.....	Pledges for Next Year. State Mis'ns	H'me Mis'ns	For. Mis'ns.
Arlington.....	E. H. Williams.....	$ 2 60	$ 2 25	$ 3 50	$ 3 00	$	$ 2 05	$ 10 00	$ 2 00	$ 5 00
Clear Creek.....	H. W. Pigg.....	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	3 05	5 00	5 00	5 00
Chaney's Hill..	D. F. Sossamon....	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	3 00	2 00	2 00
Charlotte.....	Mrs. R. Young.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	100 00	50 00	50 00
Cold Water.....	Mrs. M. J. Smith..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	5 00	2 50	2 50
Concord	Mrs.M. M. Newton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	7 00	3 50	7 00
Hopewell.....	Mrs. J. Winecoff....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	1 50	2 00
Howell's.....	J. R. McCurdy.. ...	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	5 00	1 00	2 00
Ind'p'nce Hill.	Mrs. M. V. Cashion	3 00	5 00	5 00	2 50	2 00	1 00	3 00	5 00	5 00
Matthews	W. M. Johnson.....	.....	.....	10 00	5 00	.....	3 00	10 00	5 00	5 00
Prospect.....	E. W. Carter.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1 50	5 00	3 50	5 00
Wilson's Gro'e	H. L. Helms.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1 65	3 00	2 00	2 00
Cha'sb'ro,S.C.	.....	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		$15 10	$16 75	$35 50	$12 50	$2 00	$26 25	$159 00	$83 00	$92 50

MINUTES



OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MECKLENBURG AND CABARRUS

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

INDEPENDENCE HILL BAPTIST CHURCH,

MECKLENBURG COUNTY, N. C.,

OCTOBER 17-18, 1890.

ELDER J. A. HOYLE, MODERATOR.....Iron Station.
ELDER J. D. NEWTON, CLERK.....Concord, N. C.
E. H. HINSON, TREASURER.....Arlington.

CONCORD, N. C.:
THE STANDARD BOOK AND JOB PRINTING HOUSE.
1890.

PROCEEDINGS.

INDEPENDENCE HILL BAPTIST CHURCH,
MECKLENBURG COUNTY, N. C., October 17, 1890.

THE MECKLENBURG AND CABARRUS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its fifth annual session at Independence Hill on the above date. The inclemency of the weather prevented the meeting of the Association at the appointed time yesterday.

The Moderator being absent, the Clerk called the Association to order after reading the Scriptures and prayer.

The list of churches is called and messengers enrolled as follows:

Arlington—E. H. Hinson, J. E. Lemon, Daniel Hill, W. M. Connell.

Chaney's Hill—Not represented.

Clear Creek—H. W. Pigg.

Charlotte—A. G. McManaway, I. W. Durham.

Cold Water—W. T. Talbert, Levi A. Talbert.

Concord—M. J. Calloway.

Hopewell—G. M. Winecoff, H. B. Honeycutt.

Howell's—J. R. McCurdy, D. W. Garmon.

Independence Hill—A. N. Hinson, H. B. Blackman, J. L. Cashion.

Matthews—William Johnson, T. G. Ervin.

Prospect—O. G. Lowder.

Wilson's Grove—L. R. Norket, H. L. Helms, W. H. Norket.

On motion, the officers are elected by acclamation. Elder J. A. Hoyle is elected Moderator; Elder J. D. Newton, Clerk; Bro. E. H. Hinson, Treasurer.

The Moderator appoints the following committees:

State Missions, }
Foreign Missions, } Elder W. A. Pool.
Home Missions, }

Orphanage—Elder J. D. Newton.

Education—Elder A. G. McManaway.

Sunday-Schools—I. W. Durham.

Order of Business—A. G. McManaway, J. R. McCurdy, W. T. Talbert.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this church.

Time and Place of Next Meeting—E. H. Hinson, L. R. Norket, A. N. Hinson, O. G. Lowder.

Periodicals—Elder C. J. Woodson.

Finance—E. H. Hinson.

Elder McManaway submits the following on Order of Business:

REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Education, 1:30 to 2:30; Periodicals, 2:30 to 3:30; Miscellaneous Business, 3:30 to adjournment. Adjourn at will.

SATURDAY—Religious Exercises, 9:30 to 10; Missions, 10 to 12:30; adjourn for one hour. Orphanage, 1:30 to 2:30; Sabbath Schools, 2:30 to 3; State of the Churches and Miscellaneous Business. Adjourn at will.

A. G. McMANAWAY,
J. R. McCURDY,
W. T. TALBERT.

It is adopted.

On motion, Elder W. A. Pool is appointed to preach the introductory sermon in this house to night.

Visiting brethren are called, and Elder W. A. Pool, of the South Yadkin Association, responds, having come to represent State Missions; Elder C. J. Woodson comes in interest of the Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children.

On motion, adjourned with prayer by Elder McManaway for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator calls the Association to order, Elder C. J. Woodson leads in prayer.

Bro. E. H. Hinson reports on Time and Place of Next Meeting as follows:

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Wilson's Grove as the place, and on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1891; Elder J. A Hoyle to preach the introductory sermon.

E. H. HINSON,
L. R. NORKET,
A. N. HINSON,
O. G. LOWDER.

Elder Newton reads the following on Education:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee would remind the Association of the fact that help given to ministerial students is a help to the cause at home and the cause abroad. In the years that are before us we shall need educated men more than ever before, and if we are to have them when needed we must prepare them now. The young men who are called to preach are willing to give the time and the labor necessary to full preparation; so let the rest of us see to it that they are not stopped in their course by lack of means to pay their board. In this, as in other directions, the Lord loves the cheerful giver.

A. G. McMANAWAY.

It is discussed by Elders W. A. Pool, C. J. Woodson, A. W. Crabtree, J. D. Newton. The report is adopted, after pledges are taken. See on last page.

Elder Woodson submits the following on Periodicals:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

A well conducted religious journal is a necessity in every homestead, and its influence as a factor in the formation and development of Christian character cannot be over-estimated. In this connection we take pleasure in recommending the Biblical Recorder as a bold, fearless and uncompromising exponent and advocate of our distinctive tenets. It is ably edited by Revs. C. T. Bailey and J. A. Speight. The subscription price is $2.00, and every Baptist ought to take it. We would also recommend as eminently worthy of our patronage Charity and Children, published at Thomasville, the organ of the Baptist Orphanage. We also speak of the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

C. J. WOODSON.

The report is discussed by Elders Woodson and Pool and adopted.

On motion, adjourned with prayer by Elder Newton.

SATURDAY—Morning Session.

Elder A. W. Crabtree conducts devotional exercises for a half hour, after which the Moderator calls the Association to order.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

On motion, the regular order is postponed for a half hour that we may transact the miscellaneous business.

On motion, J. R. McCurdy, J. D. Newton, J. L. Cashion, William Johnson, A. W. Crabtree, D. W. Gorman, A. G. McManaway and Baxter Cashion are elected delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

On motion, Elder J. D. Newton is elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention; Elder A. G. McManaway, alternate.

Elder W. A. Pool submits the following on State, Home and Foreign Missions:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Missions have been divided for convenience in work into Foreign, Home and State Missions.

Foreign Missions.—The command of our Blessed Saviour when he went up to glory was "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." In obedience to this command we have missionaries in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, South America and Mexico whom we are under obligations to support while they preach the Gospel to those people and teach them the way of life. To accomplish this noble work the Foreign Mission Board asks North Carolina Baptists to contribute $8,000.00, and it should be a pleasure to us to give a liberal part of this sum, and, above all, pray earnestly for God's blessings on the work.

Home Missions.—The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is doing what it can to obey the command by sending the Gospel in all the destitute places in the Southern States, among the Indians and in the Island of Cuba. To accomplish this work North Carolina is requested to give not less than $5,000.00. This is a great work. It should be a great pleasure for us to engage heartily in this great work. The Lord has greatly blessed this work, and we should be encouraged to go forward with renewed zeal in the accomplishment of still greater things for God and the salvation of souls in this department of Christian work.

State Missions.—In this work we are trying to have the Gospel

preached in every neighborhood in the State with the view of constituting a Baptist church in every section of North Carolina. This is a grand undertaking. Do we appreciate it? The State Board of Missions was instructed by the Baptist State Convention last fall to expend on this work $15,000.00 during the present conventional year. If we take apparent evidences of success as a proof of Divine approval, we know of no work that gives greater evidence of God's favor, and there is no work that lies nearer our hearts.

W. A. POOL.
J. L. CASHION.
J. R. McCURDY.

It is discussed by Elders Pool, Woodson and Johnson. The pledges for the three objects are taken and may be found on the last page.

Adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer is offered by Elder Woodson, and the Moderator calls the Association to order.

Bro. E. H. Hinson reads the report of the Committee on Finance. See the financial table.

It is adopted.

Elder A. W. Crabtree submits the following report on Sunday Schools:

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Lord has given us one day in seven to rest, to teach, and hear His word taught. There are few ways in which we can do more in teaching our children the doctrines of the Bible than by gathering them together on the Lord's day to study His word in a well conducted Sabbath school. We are glad to note that all the churches of this Association report Sunday schools. We desire to encourage the churches to greater efficiency in the good work. May the time come, and that soon, when there shall be a good Sunday-school in every neighborhood within our bounds. A. W. CRABTREE.

On motion, the discussion of this question is postponed till tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

The report is adopted.

The following report on Baptist Orphanage is presented by Elder Newton:

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

There are now 130 orphans in the Baptist Orphanage at Thomas-

ville, and these have to be fed and clothed by the voluntary contributions of the Baptists of the State. The work we do for these dear children we do to Christ. In the great day He is going to say to those who have fed and clothed the fatherless, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

J. D. NEWTON.

It is discussed by Elders Newton, Woodhouse, Pool and Crabtree. After a cash collection the report is adopted.

The following resolution is read and unanimously adopted:

That we return thanks to this church and community for their kind hospitality to the messengers and visitors of the Association.

E. H. HINSON.

On motion, the Treasurer is authorized to turn over the minute fund to the clerk, and the other funds on hand to the different objects of the Convention.

On motion, the Association agreed to meet in the capacity of a union meeting for the purpose of discussing missions and other subjects of interest on Friday before every fifth Sunday in the year.

On motion, Wilson's Grove is chosen as the place of the first meeting, Friday before the fifth Sunday in November, 1890. Each church in the Association is requested to send three delegates to this meeting.

On motion, Elders A. G. McManaway, J. D. Newton, J. B. Richardson, Brethren I. W. Durham and J. L. Cashion are continued as Executive Committee.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reports that Elder J. A. Hoyle will preach in this house tonight, and that Elder J. D. Newton will preach tomorrow at eleven o'clock.

On motion, adjourned to meet at Wilson's Grove on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1891.

Elder W. A. Pool leads in prayer.

ELDER J. A. HOYLE, Moderator.

ELDER J. D. NEWTON, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Postoffice.	Sab. Preach'g	Baptized	R'c'd by Let.	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total
Arlington	J. E. King	Waxhaw	2	68	8	7	7	18	1	73	85	158
Charlotte	A. G. McManaway	Charlotte	all	16	29	..	23	1	3	141	230	371
Clear Creek	J. L. Bennett	Monroe	4	6	9	1	4	1	1	67	85	152
Cold Water	J. D. Newton	Concord	1,3	....	8	1	..	..	..	21	30	51
Concord	J. D. Newton	Concord	1,2,3	8	8	..	5	..	2	22	39	61
Hopewell	A. W. Crabtree	Long Ford	1,3	9	..	2	2	3	..	37	37	74
Howell's	J. W. Griffin	Oak Grove	2	12	3	2	1	5	..	26	35	61
Independence Hill	J. A. Hoyle	Iron Station	3	18	..	..	..	2	..	26	37	63
Matthews	J. B. Richardson	High Point	4	1	8	..	7	2	3	50	75	125
Prospect	B. H. Carter	Albemarle	3	8	2	..	1	..	2	....	....	88
Wilson's Grove	B. F. Harget	Harnet	3	12	7	5	5	4	..	44	67	111
				158	82	18	55	36	12	507	721	1315

STATISTICAL TABLE—*CONTINUED.*

Churches.	Clerks.	Postoffice.	Pastor's Sal'y	Inc'd't Exp's.	Poor.....	Minute Fund.	Repairs.....	State Miss'ns	Home Miss'ns.	For'n Missn's	Education...	Orphanage..	Total .....
Arlington.....	E H Hinson.	Arlington....	110.10	37.00	.....	3.00	.....	5.00	3.00	5.00	.....	.....	163.00
Charlotte.....	T S Franklin	Charlotte. ...	1500.00	166.08	27.51	3.00	800 00	125.00	24.00	24.00	10.00	26.29	2696.59
Clear Creek....	J A Estridge	Clear Creek..	100.00	2.00	.....	2.40	.....	5.00	.....	5.00	.. .	.....	114.40
Cold Water....	L A Talbert.	Concord	60.00	19.20	1.00	1.50	.....	2.70	3.55	3.55	....	2.00	93.50
Concord.....	Jos'a Carter.	Concord.....	150.00	71.15	5.90	1.75	.....	17 10	5.50	8 93	.....	30.15	280.48
Hopewell.....	T B White..	Caldwell St'n	150.00	10.55	.....	1.00	.....	3.00	.....	2.00	.....	.70	167.25
Howell's.....	C H Helms..	Bost's Mills..	30.00	27.05	.....	2.25	.....	5.00	1.00	2.00	.....	3.50	70.80
Indepen'ce Hill	J F Hawkins	Croft.....	60.00	14.00	....	1.10	79 74	3.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	167.84
Matthews	J T Jordan..	Matthews....	250 00	25.00	.....	2.00	2100.00	10.00	7.45	3.68	.....	5.65	2403.78
Prospect.....	A E Lowder	Albemarle....	25.00	5.70	.....	1.50	.....	5.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	41.20
Wilson's Grove	W H Mullis.	Hood.....	.....	16.50	7.70	1.65	.....	8.00	2.00	2.00	.....	1.50	40.35
			2435.00	394.23	42.11	20.15	2979.74	188.80	29.50	44.16	10.00	69.79	6138.19

SUNDAY-SCHOOL TABLE.

Churches.	Superintendent.	Postoffice.		Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Expenses.	Contributions.	Volumes in Library.	Quarterlies and Papers
Arlington	F. M. Hinson	Arlington			55			153	
Charlotte	W. F. Dowd	Charlotte		18	115	75.00	85.00		140
Clear Creek	H. W. Pigg	Clear Creek		6	65		13.00	300	55
Cold Water	J. W. Fisher	Concord		4	30	2.25		140	130
Concord	J. D. Newton	Concord		7	81	20.80		35	400
Hopewell	J. T. Hudspeth	Davidson Col		9	62	9.00			45
Howell's	A. L. Howell	Bost's Mills		11	52		4.15		
Independence Hill	A. N. Hinson	Croft		5	45	6.27			40
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow	Matthews		11	50		41.01		10
Prospect	Ellis Morris	Albemarle		7	57	3.00			
Wilson's Grove	W. H. Mullis	Hood		8	50		.55		
Trade Street	C. Gresham	Charlotte		13	85	58.00	58.00		100

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Churches.	To Look After Home Missions.	For'n Mis'ns.	Home Mis'ns	State Mis'ns.	Orphanage...	Minutes.....		Pledges for Next Year. State Mis'n	For'n Mi'ns	Education..
Arlington	W. M. Connell	$ 5.00	$ 3.00	$ 5.00	$.....	$ 3.00	.....	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	$ 2.00
Charlotte	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clear Creek	H. W. Pigg	5.00	.....	5.00	.....	2.40	.....	5.00	5.00	1.00
Cold Water	Mrs. M. J. Smith	3.55	3.55	.85	....	1.50	.....	4.00	3.00	1.00
Concord	Mrs. M. M. Newton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00	10.00	4.00
Hopewell	Mrs. J. Winecoff	2.00	1.50	3.00	.....	1.00	.....	3.00	2.00	1.00
Howell's	J. R. McCurdy	2.00	.....	5.00	3.50	2.25	.....	5.00	3.00	1.00
Independence Hill	Mrs. M. V. Cashion	5.00	.....	2.00	.....	1.10	.....	5.00	3.00	2.00
Matthews	W. M. Johnson	.....	.....	5.70	.....	2 05	.....	10.00	5.00	.....
Prospect	L. Lowder	5.00	.....	5.00	.....	1.50	.....	5.00	5.00	1.00
Wilson's Grove	L. R. Norket	2.00	2.00	3.00	1.50	1.55	.....	4.00	3.00	1.00
		29.55	10.05	35.55	9.28	21.91	.....	66.00	39.00	15.00

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Proceedings.

WILSON'S GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH,

MECKLENBURG CO., N. C., Oct. 15, 1891.

THE MECKLENBURG AND CABARRUS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Sixth Annual Session and was called to order by Moderator, Rev. J. A. Hoyle. Devotional Exercises were conducted by Rev. A. W. Crabtree. Letters from the Churches were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

ARLINGTON—E. H. Hinson, E. H. Williams, Daniel Hill, J. M. Phillips.

TRYON STREET—S. P. Smith, I. W. Durham, J. O. Bell.

CLEAR CREEK—J. D. Helms, J. S. Reader, J. T. Estridge.

COLD WATER—W. T. Talbert, J. D. Smith.

CONCORD—W. S. Sapp, A. W. Morgan.

CHANEY'S HILL—J. T. Burriss.

HOPEWELL—Levi Johnson, W. R. Small, W. H. Honeycut.

HOWELLS—J. R. McCurdy, N. S. Stowe, John Hatby.

INDEPENDENCE HILL—J. L. Cashion, A. N. Hinson, C. J. Black, J. L. Hinson.

MATTHEWS—E. J. Funderburk, J. E. Sustarr.

OLIVET—J. K. Purefoy, J. M. Adcock, C. Gresham.

PROSPECT—Lindsey Louder.

WILSON'S GROVE—D. Ellington, D. W. Helms, M. M. Norket.

The following officers were elected: S. P. Smith, Moderator; I. W. Durham, Clerk; E. H. Hinson, Treasurer.

Chair appointed the following committees: Rev. A. G. McManaway, D. M. Austin and W. M. Johnston on order of business. Rev. J. A. Hoyle, W. M. Johnson, A. W. Crabtree on requests and querries.

Adjourned one hour.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session.

After devotional exercises the following visiting brethren were welcomed: Rev. J. N. Stallings, of High Point; Rev. R. H. James, J. E. Rowel, Rev. J. A. Bivins, from Union Association and Rev. J. W. Griffin, from Stanly Association.

On motion the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Hoyle, from Luke xix. 13, "Occupy till I come."

Chair appointed the following Finance Committee: E. H. Hinson, J. R. McCurdy and E. J. Funderburk.

Committee on order of business reported as follows, which was adopted:

Education—Friday 10 a. m.—Rev. W. M. Johnson.
Foreign Missions—Friday 11 a. m.—Rev. J. A. Hoyle.
Home Missions—Friday 2 p. m.—Rev. A. G. McManaway.
Orphanage—Saturday 10 a. m.—Rev. A. W. Crabtree.
State Missions—Saturday 11 a. m.—Rev. D. M. Austin.
Sunday Schools—Saturday 2 p. m.—Rev. J. E. McManaway.

Committee on Religious Exercises—S. P. Smith, E. J. Funderburk and E. H. Hinson.

Committee on Periodicals—J. L. Cashion, J. R. McCurdy.

Committee on Time and Place—W. T. Talbert, J. K. Purefoy and J. O. Bell.

Committee on Requests and Queries offered the following report: We have examined the Articles of Faith presented by the Olivet Baptist Church, of Charlotte, N. C., and find it to be Orthodox. We therefore recommend its reception into the fellowship of this Association.

Adopted.

J. A. HOYLE,
W. M. JOHNSON,
A. W. CRABTREE,
} Committee.

Motion prevailed to meet at 9:30, adjourn at 12, meet at 1 and adjourn at will.

On motion, adjourned.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

After Devotional Exercises the Moderator called the Association to order. Minutes read and approved. On motion regular order was suspended for consideration of Executive Committee's work in the Association. Discussed by brethren D. M. Austin, W. R. Small, J. T. Burriss, J. K. Purefoy and others, urging the importance of larger contributions and cultivating destitute places in the Association.

Report on Education—Your committee would say to this Association that we should hold in high esteem the higher order of education for our people, and especially for those who are called to teach in

public. We advise this as a means of protection against many evils that at the present, and has in the past, given us much trouble.

W. M. JOHNSON.

Discussed by W. M. Johnson, J. N. Stallings, A. G. McManaway. Adopted.

For pledges see Financial Report.

Adjourned for dinner.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

Committee on Time and Place of next meeting recommended Cold Water Church as the place, and time same as this year, Thursday before third Sunday in October, 1892, Rev. D. M. Austin to preach the introductory sermon.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It appears that the Lord has conferred special honor on the Baptists of North Carolina, in calling so many of our brethren to foreign fields to preach the Gospel. We should feel it a great privilege to sustain them by our prayers and contributions, while they are breaking the Bread of Life to perishing souls. The Baptists of the South have Missionaries in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and islands of the seas. From these fields we hear the cry for help from more than a billion souls. Let the response from every Baptist in North Carolina be, I'll go, if not in person, in means. Our Missionaries are making a great effort to rescue the perishing, they need our aid. God is saying go. The marching orders from our Blessed Master was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel," etc., let us obey the Divine command.

J. A. HOYLE.

Discussed by D. M. Austin, J. N. Stallings and C. Gresham. For pledges see Financial Report, adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee congratulates the Association on the increasing prosperity of the work committed to the Home Mission Board. More Missionaries have been appointed and more work done than ever before. But this increase of work means additional expense, and the churches must meet the enlarged demand or the work will suffer. Let the churches of this Association increase their contributions to this Board to the extent of their ability. Respectfully submitted.

Adopted.

A. G. McMANAWAY.

On motion, adjourned.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. J. L. Bennett, the Moderator called the Association to order. Minutes read and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Located in Thomasville, is an institution which commends itself to the sympathy of our people, and is worthy of their support. We now have about 130 children there to be fed, clothed, educated and

christianized. We are told that pure and undefiled religion before God is to visit the fatherless in their affliction. Respectfully submitted.
A. W. CRABTREE.

Discussed by Crabtree, Burriss, James and others. D. M. Austin offered the following amendment—That all churches in the Association be earnestly requested to take collection for this object—carried. Report adopted.

Rev. J. L. Bennett was welcomed from Union Association and Rev. M. L. Kesler from Central Association.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

It is the object of the State Mission Board to have the Gospel preached as held by Baptists in every community in North Carolina. The Board at our last convention was instructed to expend $16,500 for State Missions this conventional year. The Board has this year under its supervision 118 Missionaries. The Lord has wonderfully blessed this work in the salvation of many souls, and in the organization of many churches and Sunday schools. This Board is entirely dependent on the contributions of our churches for the prosecution of this work. Respectfully submitted. D. M. AUSTIN.

Discussed by D. M. Austin, J. L. Bennett, A. W. Crabtree, A. J. Hoyle. Adopted. See Financial Report for pledges.

Adjourned for dinner.

THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session.

Prayer by Bro. Austin. Moderator called Association to order. Delegates elected to Baptist State Convention as follows: J. R. McCurdy, J. E. Funderburk, F. M. Hinson and J. D. Smith. Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: Rev. D. M. Austin, alternate, C. Gresham.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

E. H. Hinson, J. E. Funderburk and J. R. McCurdy submitted financial report. See Financial Table. Report adopted.

On motion Clerk was allowed $10 for his services.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee would urge upon the minds of our people the importance of the general diffusion of religious knowledge, and the more general reading of our denominational periodicals. We heartily commend to the members of our churches the Biblical Recorder and the North Carolina Baptist, as sound in Doctrine and progressive in spirit, and helpful to our members in the work that the Lord has called us to do. We commend Kind Words Sunday school series, to our schools; also the Foreign Mission Journal, Charity and Children and Home Field. Also recommend that the churches appoint a committee to supply the poor with our religious papers. J. R. McCURDY,
J. L. CASHION.

Discussed by J. R. McCurdy, D. M. Austin and F. M. Hinson. Adopted.

In the absence of Rev. J. E. McManaway, Bro. C. Gresham read report on Sunday Schools, as follows: The Lord has given us one day in seven to rest, teach and hear his word taught. There are few ways

in which we can do more in teaching our children the Doctrines of the Bible than by gathering them together on the Lord's day to study His word in a well conducted Sabbath school. We desire to encourage the churches to greater efficiency in the good work. May the time come soon when there shall be a good Sunday school in every neighborhood within our bounds. C. GRESHAM.

Discussed by C. Gresham, M. L. Kestler, A. G. McManaway and D. M. Austin. On motion of D. M. Austin, a committee of three was appointed to arrange programmes and appoint places for the Union meetings for this associational year. Committee appointed: D. M. Austin, I. W. Durham and W. M. Johnson. Report as amended, was adopted. Chair appointed following Executive Committee: A. G. McManaway, D. M. Austin, J. L. Cashion, I. W. Durham and E. H. Hinson.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

Resolved, That we return our thanks to the people of Wilson Grove Church for their kind hospitality during this session.

J. R. McCURDY.

On motion the Executive Committee was instructed to arrange a programme for the Missionary Celebration at next Association.

OBITUARIES.

Rev. Elam Cuthbertson Williams died March 11th, 1891, aged 78 years. 60 years ago he joined the church and for 57 years was a preacher of the Gospel. He was the pioneer Baptist minister for all the Clear Creek section, and he did his work at his own risk and expenses. As Pastor, Moderator of the Association, father, friend and citizen, he did his duty as he saw it, and has now entered upon his reward.

Bro. McCarry Wilson Ferguson was for more than 20 years a member of Cold Water Church. He died last August. During his church life he tried to be as he expressed it, "a man for Jesus," and as such he entered into rest.

On motion adjourned.

S. P. SMITH, *Moderator.*

I. W. DURHAM, *Clerk.*

Hat collection for State Missions at Association, $4.26.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	TO LOOK AFTER HOME MISSIONS.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Minutes	PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR. State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.
Arlington	E. H. Williams	$ 5 00	$ 3 00	$ 5 00	.....	.....	$ 2 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 3 00
Clear Creek	H. W. Rigg	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	1 80	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00
Chaney's Hill	D. F. Sossaman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	5 00	.....	2 50	.....
Charlotte, Tryon Street	Mrs. R. Young	96 35	80 35	113 76	$91 33	$37 79	3 00	75 00	75 00	50 00	10 00
Cold Water	Mrs. M, J. Smith	3 00	.....	4 00	1 00	2 00	1 50	5 00	4 00	5 00	1 00
Concord	W. S. Sapp	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 70	5 00	25 00	5 00	5 00
Hopewell	Mrs. J. Winecoff	2 00	1 70	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 35	2 50	3 00	2 00	1 50
Howell's	J. R. McCurdy	2 00	.....	5 00	1 00	.....	1 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	.....
Independence Hill	Mrs. M. V. Cashion	3 00	1 50	5 00	2 00	1 50	1 20	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 00
Matthews	W. M. Johnson	.....	4 85	9 50	.....	10 65	2 50	10 00	5 00	5 00	2 00
Olivet	Mrs. T. S. Franklin	10 00	.....	45 00	.....	35 00	2 00	100 00	50 00	25 00	25 00
Prospect	E. W. Carter	5 00	.....	5 00	1 00	.....	1 50	5 00	5 00	3 00	.....
Wilson's Grove	H. L. Helms	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Total		$ 131 35	$96 40	$ 200 26	$97 33	$87 94	$21 10	$ 232 50	$ 187 00	$ 114 50	$52 50

STATISTICAL TABLE—Concluded.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	Minutes.	Repairs.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Total.
Arlington	None	E. H. Hinson	Arlington	$ 2.00	$ 155.23	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	$3.00	.....	.....	$ 394.48
Clear Creek	J. L. Bennett	L. A. Ferguson	Oak Grove	1.80	.....	5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	116.80
Chaney's Hill	M. R. Medlin	W. M. Chaney	Furr's Store	.55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.65
Charlotte, Tryon Street	A. G. McManaway	J. O. Bell	Charlotte	3.00	.....	113.76	96.35	80.35	$ *91.33	$37.79	2,064.62
Cold Water	J. E. McManaway	L. A. Talbert	Concord	1.50	.....	4.00	3.00	.....	1.00	2.00	95.60
Concord	J. E. McManaway	J. J, Carter	Concord	1.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	481.70
Hopewell	A. W. Crabtree	T. B. White	Huntersville	1.35	.....	3.00	2.00	1.70	1.00	1.00	165.49
Howell's	J. W. Griffin	E. H. Helms	Flow's	1.00	1.13	5.00	2.00	.....	1.00	.....	88.78
Ind. Hill	J. A. Hoyle	J. F. Hawkins	Croft	1.20	.....	5.00	3.00	1.50	2.00	1.50	134.75
Matthews	J. B. Richardson	T. J. Renfrow	Matthews	2.50	.....	9.50	.....	4.85	.....	10.65	298.50
Olivet	D. M. Austin	T. S. Franklin	Charlotte	2.00	125.00	45.00	10.00	.....	*170.00	35.00	2,007.00
Prospect	J. C. Denny	A. E. Lowder	Albemarle	1.50	.....	5.00	5.00	.....	1.00	.....	62.50
Wilson's Grove	None	W. M. Mullis	Hood's	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	103.50
				$21.10	$ 281.36	$ 200.26	$ 131.35	$96.30	$ 186.00	$87.94	6,028.37

*Tryon Street sent $81.33 and Olivet $170.00 to Wake Forest Endowment, which is included in above report.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	Sabbaths Preached.	Baptisms.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Pastors Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor.
Arlington	None	E. H. Hinson	Arlington, N. C.	....	15	4	6	6	7	..	75	93	168	$ 150.00	$ 70.00	$ 4.25
Clear Creek	J. L. Bennett	L. A. Ferguson	Oak Grove, N. C.	13	1	....	..	6	5	3	52	80	132	100.00	....	.....
Chaney's Hill	M. R. Medlin	W. M. Chaney	Furr's Store, N. C.	13	....	....	..	4	1	..	16	35	51	14.10	.....	.....
Charlotte, Tryon Street	A. G. McManaway	J. O. Bell	Charlotte, N. C.	52	16	26	2	62	8	1	109	191	300	1,500.00	194.36	29.01
Cold Water	J. E. McManaway	L. A. Talbert	Concord, N. C.	13	2	....	..	1	..	2	23	30	53	75.00	8.00	1.10
Concord	J. E. McManaway	J. J. Carter	Concord, N. C.	13	5	8	..	6	1	..	20	47	67	400.00	80.00	.....
Hopewell	A. W. Crabtree	T. B. White	Huntersville, N. C.	13	17	8	1	3	1	..	45	45	90	150.00	5.44	.....
Howell's	J. W. Griffin	C. H. Helms	Flow's, N. C.	13	6	2	..	2	1	1	26	40	66	35.00	33.00	10.65
Ind. Hill	J. A. Hoyle	J. F. Hawkins	Croft, N. C.	13	14	7	..	1	1	1	33	48	81	100.00	20.55	.....
Matthews	J. B. Richardson	T. J. Renfrow	Matthews, N. C.	13	5	....	..	6	..	..	50	71	121	250.00	12.00	.....
Olivet	D. M. Austin	T. S. Franklin	Charlotte, N. C.	52	17	60	..	9	1	1	37	61	98	1,000.00	595.00	25.00
Prospect	J. C. Denny	A. E. Lowder	Albemarle, N. C.	13	....	....	..	1	..	1	25	61	86	50.00	.....	.....
Wilson's Grove	None	W. M. Mullis	Hood's, N. C.	13	11	4	..	3	3	..	40	67	107	100.00	1.00	1.50
					109	119	9	110	29	10	551	869	1420	$3,924.10	$1,019.35	$ 71.51

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Expenses.	Contributions.	Volums in Library.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.
Arlington	F. M. Hinson	Arlington, N. C.	5	60	$ 6 00		15	60
Clear Creek	Henry Pigg	Oak Grove, N. C.	4	60		$ 2 50		40
Chaney's Hill	No School							
Charlotte, Tryon Street	I. W. Durham	Charlotte, N. C.	22	175	464 58	463 77	150	240
Cold Water	John W. Fisher, Sen.	Concord, N. C.	4	30	1 86			55
Concord	H. T. Johnson	Concord, N. C.	8	100		20 00		
Hopewell	T. B. White	Huntersville, N. C.	8	80	18 00		36	48
Howell's	D. W. Garmon	Furr's, N. C.	5	50	2 75			30
Independence Hill	A. N. Hinson	Croft, N. C.	6	55	9 82			61
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow	Matthews, N. C.	9	70	20 00	40 00		100
Olivet	C. Gresham	Charlotte, N. C.	16	110	150 00	155 00		150
Prospect	Lindsey Louder	Albemarle, N. C.	7	45	5 15	5 66		36
Wilson's Grove	Henry Helms	Hood's, N. C.						

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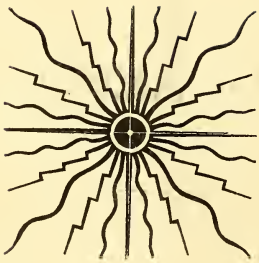
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COLD WATER BAPTIST CHURCH,

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THE MECKLENBURG AND CABARRUS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Seventh Annual Session and was called to order by the Moderator, S. P. Smith. After devotional exercises the letters from the Churches were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

ARLINGTON—E. H. Hinson, W. M. Connell, E. H. Williams, Daniel Hill.

CHARLOTTE TRYON STREET—S. P. Smith, I. W. Durham.

CLEAR CREEK—R. H. McManns W. J. Estridge, H. W. Pigg.

COLD WATER—J. W. Springer, T. V. Tolbert.

CONCORD—W. J. Black, F. P. Smith, J. M. Calaway.

CHANEY'S HILL—C. P. Sorsoman, J L. Keyser, J. S. Keyser.

HOPEWELL—G. M. Winecoff, Andrew Barnette.

HOWELLS—J. R. McCurdy, G. H. Garmon, H. T. Stowe.

INDEPENDENCE HILL—A. N. Hinson, J. L. Cashion, J. C. Black, J. L. Hinson.

MATTHEWS—Rev. W. M. Johnson, Rev. J. W. Abernathy.

OLIVET—C. Gresham, J. K. Purefoy.

PROSPECT—T. S. Carter, W. A. Marks, Rev. B. H. Carter.

WILSON'S GROVE—H. L. Helms.

OAK GROVE—H. M. Monson, J. W. Whittington, J. C. Smith.

The following officers were elected: S. P. Smith, Moderator; I. W. Durham, Clerk; C. Gresham, Treasurer.

The Chair appointed the following committees, on application of Oak Grove Church: Revs. D. M. Anstin, W. M. Johnston, J A. Hoyle on order of business. Rev. A. W. Crabtree, J. R. McCurdy, C. Gresham. On motion adjurned for one hour.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session.

After devotional exercises the Chair welcomed to the privileges of the Association Revs. J. N. Stallings, R. H. James and J. A. Hoyle from sister Associations. Letter was read from Oak Grove Baptist Church asking for admission, and on recommendation of Committee was admitted into this Association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Report on Education at 2.30 by Rev. J O. Alderman.
Report on Home Missions 3.30 by Rev. J. A. Hoyle.
Report on State Missions 10 a. m. Friday by Rev. D M. Austin.
Report on Foreign Missions 11 a. m. Friday by Rev. A. W. Crabtree.
Report on Sunday Schools 1.30 p. m. Friday by I. W. Durham.
Report on Orphanage 2.30 p. m. Friday by Rev T. J. James.
Report on Periodicals 10 a. m. Saturday by J. C. Cadell.
Miscellaneous busiuess. Adopted.

Chair appointed the following Committees:

On Finance—J. R. McCurday, J. K. Purefoy, E. H. Williams, C. Gresham.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this Church.

Requests and Queries—E. H. Hinson, F. P. Smith, J L. Keyser.

Obituaries—Rev. W. M. Johnson, J. L. Cashion, H. L. Helms.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In the beginning God created man in his own image and constituted him Lord of the Universe, a high and excellent position. Hence man owes himself a duty. He should approach as near as possible Him in whose image he was made, and fit himself as nearly as possible for the office of lord of creation.

This requires knowledge; hence education demands of him a welcome. Man owes his family a duty; ignorance is a greater curse than poverty. Man owes his country a duty. Education gives strength both physical and moral. But a country is educated only as its citizens are educated. Man owes his religion a duty. For him to get the benefit of his religion, and his religion to get the benefit of his service, that service must be intelligent. Hence a more general and thorough education would add much to a man's religion. Lastly, a minister especially owes a duty. "If the blind lead the blind, they shall both fall into the ditch." While education cannot make a minister, its absence cannot. And especially does the Church owe it to herself to make her minister—her leader—as capable and effective as possible.

J. O. ALDERMAN.

Discussed by Rev. J. N. Stallings, J. O. Alderman, C. Gresham, A. W. Crabtree, S. P. Smith, J. A. Hoyle and D. M. Austin. Adopted. The following individual pledges were made to Ministerial Education: J. D. Smith $1.00, J. W. Springer $1.00, W. T. Tolbert $1.00, E. H. Hinson paid $1.00, S. P. Smith paid $5.00.

Sermon to-night by Rev. D. M. Austin.

Adjourned until 9 a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Devotional exercises by Rev. A. W. Crabtree. Minutes read and approved. Chair welcomed Rev. J. F. Hodges from Stanley Association.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

That department of the mission work of the Churches co-operative with the Southern Baptist Convention known as "Home Missions" is in charge of the

Home Mission Board located at Atlanta, Ga., and has for its object the supplying of the gospel as Baptists believe it, and preach it, as follows:

1st. To our native white people in the States and Territories within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention in those sections in which no Association or other state organization is operating, and of aiding those organizations too weak to fully perform the work within their own bounds.

2nd. To the foreign population immigrating to said bounds, in their own languages.

3rd. To the Indians within said bounds.

4th. To the negroes within said bounds.

5th. To the Island of Cuba.

Your Committee recommends that the pastors bring this matter before the Churches and get as many members as possible to subscribe for "Our Home Field," a monthly published by said Board, at Atlanta, at 25 cents a year. Brethren, let us all get all the information possible, then fully perform our duty.

J. N. STALLINGS.

Discused by J. N. Stallings, C. Gresham, J. A. Hoyle, W. M. Johnson, A. W. Crabtree and J. F. Hodges. Adopted.

Adjourned for one hour.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

On motion the following Committee was appointed on time and place of next meeting. Rev W. M. Johnson, J. W. Springer, I. W. Durham.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This feature of our work, as we believe, is largely the foundation for all of our other Mission interests. State Missions has as its first object the preaching of the gospel, as Baptists believe it in every country district, village, town and city in North Carolina. Through the influence of this Board it is possible for us to reach the masses of the people in every section of our grand old State.

For this Conventional year the Board has in its employ one hundred Missionaries; they are the Lord's servants preaching in destitute sections, and largely to the poor of the land. The Board is instructed to expend $15,000 this year in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. AUSTIN.

Discussed by Rev. D. M. Austin and Rev. R. H. James. Adopted. Rev. Jas. Snyder was welcomed to the privileges of the Association.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is impossible to estimate the importance of this department of Church work. It is here we received, and our children may receive, the earliest impressions for a life of service for God, it was here the pure word of God, that is able to make us wise unto salvation, first found lodgment in our young heart and mind, and which remain with us through life. It was there we memorized the "Sermon on the Mount" and muce other scripture. The Word, memorized in youth, is not apt to be mis-quoted and perverted, as is often done.

As the twig is bent the tree is inclined, so is the future usefulness of the child shaped, and its destiny largely determined. The future of the Church depends to a very great extent, on the work done in our Sunday Schools. Let this department of Church work lag, and in the same proportion will the cause of Christ suffer in our hands.

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. DURHAM.

Discussed by I. W. Durham, Rev. J. N. Stallings, Rev, J. O. Alderman, Rev. J. F. Hodges, Rev. Jas. Snyder, Rev. J. A. Hoyle. Adopted.

Committee on time and place of next meeting recommended Olivet Church, Charlotte. Adopted. Services to-night by Rev. J. A. Hoyle.

Adjourned until tomorrow A. M.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. J. F. Hodges. Association called to order by the moderator. Brethren J. C. Caddell and J. H. Edwards of the Recorder and Orphanage, respectively, were welcomed to seats.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Church of Jesus Christ is under marching orders; the command of her Lord, ere he left the earth, was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The duty we owe to God and to mankind is to send into all the dark places of the earth the messengers of salvation. The command to every redeemed soul is go or send. 800,000,000 of our fellowmen are still in Pagan darkness, perishing for the WORD. What are the 1,250,000 of white Baptists in these Southern States doing toward carrying out this order of our great Captain? We have in China 37 Missionaries with 5 ordained natives, aided by 24 native assistants. In Africa we have 10 Missionaries with 6 assistants. In Italy 3 with 13 ordained natives. In Brazil 11 with 4 assistants. In Mexico 20 and in Japan 4. Nearly half of these are females. He that gave the command to go, also said, "Lo I am with you always" The work of grace on our Mission fields is more marked than upon the Churches in our own land. The power of the Holy Spirit in this work has been seen in oft recurring Penticosts, like those two wonderful revivals in the Lone Star Mission of our Northern brethren which added thousands to the Church at Ongole. Respectfully submitted,

A. W. CRABTREE.

Discussed by A. W. Crabtree, R. H. James, J. F. Hodges. Adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage is located at Thomasville and is the property of the Baptists of North Carolina. At present there are about 125 children at this institution dependant upon the contributions of tne good people of the State for food, clothes and education. Therefore this Association requests: 1st. That all the Pastors of Churches composing this body bring this work before their people at least once during the year, and take a collection for same. 2nd. That Superintendents of Sunday Schools give the children a chance to contribute monthly. We also recommend "Charity and Children," a paper published at the Orphanage, weekly at $1.00 per year. Respectfully submi ted,

COMMITTEE.

Discussed by J. H. Edwards, J. F. Hodges, R. H. James. Adopted. Collection was taken amounting to $3.47.

On motion adjourned.

THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session.

Prayer by Rev. J. O. Alderman. Following delegates were appointed to the Baptist State Convention: Rev. D. M. Austin, S. P. Smith, J. R. McCurdy, Rev. J. O. Alderman, E. H. Williams and Rev. A. W. Crabtree. To Southern Baptist,

Convention, Rev. D. M. Austin, alternate S. P. Smith. To Union Association Rev. W. M. Johnson and Rev. A. W. Crabtree. To King's Mountain Association A. N. Hinson. Following Executive Board was appointed: S. P. Smith, C. Gresham I. W. Durham, W. M. Johnson and J. R McCurdy.

A correspondence was read from brother C. A. Woodson upon which a resolution was adopted requesting a collection during the year from each Church for the Ministers' Relief Board.

Periodicals discussed by Brother J. C. Caddell of the "Biblical Recorder." On motion the Clerk is paid $10 for his services.

To preach introductory sermon next year, Rev. J. O. Alderman. Alternate Rev. A. W. Crabtree.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We find that during the year seventeen of our brethren and sisters have died. The above fact should remind us that we are passing away one by one, some of us who have met here together may never meet again on earth. We extend our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved. W. M. JOHNSON.

Rev. J. O. Alderman was appointed a committee of one on programme for the Union meetings for the eusuing year.

Following resolution of thanks was adopted. Resolved that this Association tender a vote of thanks for the kind hospitality shown us by the Cold Water Church and community.

On motion adjourned,

S. P. SMITH, *Moderator.*

I. W. DURHAM, *Clerk.*

Statistical Table.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	Sabbaths Preached.	Baptisms.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor.
Alrlington	A. W. Crabtree	E. H, Hinson	Arlington, N. C.	13	40	6	13	7	5	3	96	113	209	$ 100 00	$ 3 00	$ 5 00
Cear Creek	J. S. Bennett	L. A. Ferguson	Brief, N. C.	13	5	3	.	13	2	1	47	69	116	100 00	. . . .	. . .
Chaney's Hill	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. .	. . . .	. . . .	. . .
Tryon Street	Resigned Aug, 7, '92	J. O. Bell	Charlotte, N. C.	52	28	16	.	30	2	5	110	196	306	1500 00	360 00	50 00
Cold Water	J. O. Alderman	L. A. Talbert	Concord, N. C.	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	23	30	53	38 75	75 00	. . .
Concord	J. O. Alderman	J. M. Calaway	Concord, N. C.	52	9	17	.	3	.	1	20	51	71	500 00	93 56	. . .
Hopewell	A. W. Crabtree	W. A. Honeycutt	Huntersville, N, C.	13	5	4	2	2	2	.	59	47	106	125 00	1 00	10 33
Howells	M. M. Medlin	C. H. Helms	Bost's Mills, N. C.	13	.	.	.	1	3	.	21	38	59	. . . .	. . . .	. . .
Ind. Hill	J. A. Hoyle	J. F. Hawkins	Croft, N. C.	13	10	1	.	6	.	1	33	51	84	125 00	13 00	. . .
Matthews	J. B. Richardson	T. J. Renfrow	Matthews, N. C.	13	12	4	2	4	3	.	49	88	137	250 00	15 00	. . .
Olivet	D. M. Austen	C. Gresham	Charlotte, N. C.	52	3	7		21	1	2	34	52	86	1000 00	210 00	30 00
Oak Grove	A. W. Crabtree	. . . . .	Hornet, N. C.	13	.	10	2	.	.	.	7	8	15	. . . .	. . . .	. . .
Prospect	J, F. Hodge	A. E. Lowder	Albemarle, N. C.	13	1	.	.	6	.	2	24	55	79	50 00	6 00	. . .
Wilson's Grove	A. W. Crabtree	H. M. Watts	Hood's, N. C.	13	19	4	10	8	7	2	46	60	106	72 25	5 10	. . .
					132	72	29	101	25	17	569	858	1427	$3861 00	$781 66	$95 33

Statistical Table---concluded.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	Minutes.	Repairs.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Mission.	Education.	Orphange.	Other Objects.	Total.
Arlington . .	A. W. Crabtree . .	E. H. Hinson .	Arlington, N. C. .	$ 2 00	$ 35 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	$ 160 00
Clear Creek .	J. S. Bennett . . .	L, A. Ferguson .	Brief, N. C. . . .	1 75	. . .	5 00	2 50	5 00	$ 2 00	. . .	. . .	116 25
Chaney's Hill	No Letter	. . . . .	. . . . .	50	. . .	. .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	50
Tryon Street .	Resigned Aug. 7. '92	J, O. Bell . . .	Charlotte, N. C. .	3 00	. . .	50 00	162 25	102 25	10 00	$50 00	$150 00	2437 50
Cold Water .	J. O. Alderman . .	L A. Talbert .	Concord, N. C. . .	1 25	. . .	3 00	1 50	1 25	75	. . .	. . .	112 50
Concord . .	J. O. Alderman . .	J. M. Calaway .	. . . . .	1 45	. . .	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	4 77	52 53	672 31
Hopewell . .	A. W. Crabtree . .	W. A, Honeycutt	Huntersville, N. C.	1 34	. . .	4 00	3 00	1 50	. . .	. . .	. . .	146 17
Howell's . . .	M. M. Medlin . .	E. H Helms . .	Bost's Mills, N. C.	1 05	. . .	5 00	5 00	2 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	13 05
Ind Hill . . .	J. A. Hoyle . . .	J. F. Hawklns .	Croft, N, C, . . .	1 95	. . .	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	. . .	158 95
Matthews . .	J. R. Richardson .	T. J. Renfrow .	Matthews, N. C. .	2 00	6 00	6 50	4 75	5 00	1 50	8 00	. . .	298 75
Olivet	D. M. Austin . . .	C. Gresham . .	Charlotte, N. C. .	3 00	31 50	141 00	50 00	60 00	50 00	20 00	95 00	1690 50
Oak Grove	A. W. Crabtree . .	. . . . .	Hornet, N. C . . .	80	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	80
Prospect . . .	J. T. Hodge . . .	A. E. Lowder .	Albemarle, N. C. .	1 50	. . .	5 00	5 00	3 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	70 50
Wilson's Grove	A. W. Crabtree . .	H. M. Watts . .	Hoods, N. C. . . .	70	129 85	5 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	212 90
				$22 29	$202 35	$239 50	$249 00	$195 00	$72 25	$83 77	$297 53	$6090 68

Financial Table.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Education.	Orphanage,	Minutes.	PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR. State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.
Arlington	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	.....	.....	$ 2 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00
Clear Creek	2 50	5 00	5 00	$ 2 00	.....	1 75	2 00	2 00	2 00	10 00
Chaney's Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	1 00	1 00	1 50	.....
Tryon Street	162 25	102 25	50 00	10 00	50 00	3 00	75 00	75 00	50 00	100 00
Cold Water	1 50	1 25	3 00	75	.....	1 25	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....
Concord	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	4 77	1 45	10 00	10 00	7 50	5 00
Hopewell	3 00	1 50	4 00	.....	.....	1 34	1 00	1 00	1 50	2 50
Howell's	5 00	2 00	5 00	.....	.....	1 05	5 00	5 00	2 00	.....
Independence Hill	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	1 95	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Matthews	4 75	5 00	6 50	1 50	8 00	2 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	.....
Olivet	50 00	25 00	141 00	25 00	20 00	3 00	125 00	50 00	35 00	30 00
Oak Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	1 00	1 00	2 50	2 50
Prospect	5 00	3 00	6 00	.....	.....	1 50	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....
Wilson's Grove	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	70	5 00	2 00	5 00	2 00
	$249 00	$160 00	$235 50	$ 52 25	$ 83 77	$ 22 29	$255 00	$172 00	$132 00	$162 00

Sunday School Table.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Expenses.	Contributions.	Volumes in Library.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.
Arlington	F. M. Hinson	Arlington, N. C.	4	50	$ 6 00		12	50
Clear Creek	R. H. McManus	Brief, N. C.		48		$ 3 50		140
Chaney's Hill								
Tryon Street	I. W. Durham	Charlotte, N. C.	23	225	108 98	37 24	150	275
Cold Water								
Concord	S. H. Hamilton	Concord, N. C.	9	110	25 00	2 78		75
Hopewell	A. W. Wilcox	Huntersville, N. C.	6	60	5 60		40	48
Howell's	D. W. Garmon	Furr's Store, N. C.	4	33		45		
Ind. Hill	A. N. Hinson	Croft, N. C.	6	50	9 00			60
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow	Matthews, N. C.	10	90	20 00	35 00		130
Olivet	C. Gresham	Charlotte, N. C.	13	155	60 00			277
Oak Grove								
Prospect	Ellis Morris	New London, N. C.	7	45	4 09	4 09		48
Wilson's Grove	A. L. Pigg	Hornett, N. C.	7	45	1 92		40	27

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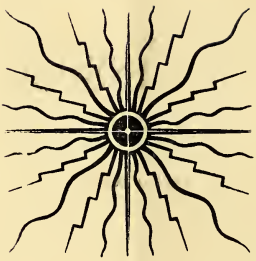
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OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH,

CHARLOTTE, N. C., OCT. 12. 1893.

THE MECKLENBURG AND CABARRUS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Eight Annual Session, and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. O. L. Stringfield. In the absence of the Moderator, Bro. S P. Smith, the Association was called to order by Rev. Dr. T. H. Pritchard, who preached from 1st John 2: 1-2.

Letters were read from the Churches, and the following delegates enrolled:

ARLINGTON—E. H. Hinson, W. M. Connell.
TRYON STREET—W. C. Dowd, Dr. C. G. McManaway, I. W. Durham.
CLEAR CREEK—R. H. McManus.
COLD WATER—W. J. Brafford, J. E. Fisher.
CONCORD—J. D. McLester, H. T. Johnson.
CHANEY'S HILL—G. H. Garmon.
HOPEWELL—G. M. Winecoff.
HOWELLS—J. R. McCurdy, D. W. Bost.
INDEPENDENCE HILL—A. N. Hinson, J, L. Cashion, C. S. Davis.
MATTHEWS—M. H. Lindsay, J. W. Abernethy.
OLIVET—C. Gresham, J. K. Purefoy. L. H. Whitty.
PROSPECT—W, A. Marks.
WILSON'S GROVE—E. S. Rushing, S. S. Pigg.
OAK GROVE—R. E. Deeds, W. T. Smith.
LONG CREEK—J. W. Spurry.

The following officers were elected: C. Gresham, Moderator; I. W. Durham, Clerk; A N. Hinson, Treasurer.

The chair appointed the following Committees:

On Application,—Rev. T. H. Prichard, Rev. D. M. Austin, Rev. H. T. Johnson.

Order of Business.—J. K. Purefoy, C. G. McManaway, Rev. A. W. Crabtree:
Finance.—J. R. McCurdy, Eli Hinson, M. H. Lindsay.
Requests and Queries.—A. N. Hinson, D. M. Austin, C. S. Davis.
Obituaries.—Revs. T. H. Prichard, W. M. Johnson, A. W. Crabtree.
On motion adjourned until 3 p.m.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session.

After praise service called to order by Moderator Gresham. Committee on Order of Business reported as follows:

To-night—Baptist Female Seminary, Rev. O. L. Stringfield.
Friday, 10 a.m.—Foreign Missions, Rev. T. H. Pritchard.
Friday, 11 a.m.—Orphanage, E. J, Edwards.
Friday. 3 p.m.—Periodicals, J. L. Cashion.
Friday, 7-30 p.m.—State Missions, Rev. D. M. Austin.
Saturday, 10 a.m.—Home Missions, Rev. A. W. Crabtree.
Saturday, 11 a.m.—Education, C. S. Davis.
Saturday, 7-30 p.m.—Ordination of Deacons.

On motion of Dr. T. H. Pritchard, this afternoon was devoted to discussion of Sunday Schools. Discussed by Dr. Pritchard, Rev. O. L. Stringfield, Rev. E. J. Edwards, A. N. Hinson, J. D. McLester, S. S. Pigg, G. H. Garmon, E. H. Hinson, J. E. Fisher, Rev. A. W. Crabtree, W. T. Smith.

On motion adjourned until tomorrow, 10 a.m.

FIRST DAY—Night Session.

Rev. O. L. Stringfield very ably presented the importance of the Baptists of N. C. establishing a Baptist Female Seminary, which was heard with marked attention.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. D, M. Austin, called to order by Moderator. Minutes read and approved. The chair welcomed visiting brethren, J. C. Cadell, Rev. E. J. Edwards, Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, Rev. M. P. Matheney and Rev. C. Durham.

On motion of Rev. D. M. Austin the following resolution was a adopted:

Resolved, that this Association heard with interest Rev. O. L. Stringfield in advocacy of the establishment of the Baptist Female University in Raleigh, N. C., and that we heartily commend this enterprise to the favorable consideration of the brethren of this Association.

Long Creek Baptist Church applied for membership in this Association. Referred to committee on application.

Hour for special order having arrived, Dr. Pritchard offered the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We believe that every christian should labor and pray and give for the success of the cause of missions among the heathen for the following reasons;

First: because the great Commission of our Lord requires it. Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, is as binding now as when it was first given to the disciples. We must go ourselves, or send a representative to teach the nations the glad-tidings of salvation.

Second: the gospel is the great social, moral and political reformer of the world. The nations of the world which have it in greatest purity are not only the most powerful, the most enlightned, the most intelligent, but also the happiest people on earth.

Third: the success which has attended the work of our missionaries has been so remarkable as to justify all that has been done in behalf of this cause, and stimulate us to yet larger efforts to convert the whole world to obedience to Christ. There are now more than 800,000 members of mission churches and it is estimated that at least three millions of converts have gone home to heaven since the modern missionary enterprise began.

And lastly: as Baptists we are especially brought under obligations to prosecute this enterprise with all our might by reason of the very distinguished part we have been called on to take by the striking providences of God. Carey was a Baptist and Baptist laborers have been more highly blessed of God than those of any other denomination. COMMITTEE.

Dr. Pritchard followed the report in a very strong address, and it was discussed further by Revs. Gwaltney, Matheney, Crabtree and Austin. Adopted.

Rev. E. J. Edwards made following report on Orphanage:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage undertakes to feed, clothe and educate indigent children. There are now 125 such children at the institution and in need of winter clothing. Resolved, that the churches of this Association take collections and forward for this purpose. Resolved, that the Sunday Schools of this Association be requested to take monthly collections for this object. COMMITTEE.

A cash collection of $5.97 was taken for this orphanage. Report adopted.

Committee on application reported favorably on application from Long Creek Church. Report adopted, and said church admitted to the Association.

On motion of Dr. Pritchard, the chair appointed the following committee to report on Ministers' Relief Board: Dr. Pritchard, Rev. J. W. Abernathy, C. S. Davis.

Adjourned until 3 p.m.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

Called to order by Moderator. Rev. A. W. Crabtree made report as follows on Periodicals:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Not to read in this age is to be behind the times. The printing press has become the teacher, guide and opinion maker for the public. Its greatest power is in the papers. To know what is taking place in the world, and to have definite ideas concerning these tranactions, we must read the papers; and no class of papers is more important than our religious publications. I recommend that our people be again urged to subscibe to, and to diligently read, the *Biblical Recorder*, the *Foreign Mission Journal*, *Charity and Children*, and the *Home Field* These are all good in aims and purposes to the Baptist denomination. Let all the pastors stir up their people to read them. COMMITTEE.

Resolved: That it is the sense of this body that it would be wise for every church in the Association to appoint a special committee whose duty it shall be to make a canvass of the churches in behalf of our religious periodicals, and if possible introduce some good paper into every family,

Discussed by Crabtree, Cadell, Pritchard, Austin, C. Durham and Gwaltney. Adopted.

Rev. Mr. Carpenter, Pastor Church Street Methodist Church, was recognized by the chair, and invited to the privileges of the Association, also Rev. D. W. Thomason and J. F. Morris, from South Fork Association.

Chair appointed following Executive Board: J. A. Durham, J. K. Purefoy, A. N. Hinson and J. R. McCurdy.

Adjourned until 7-30 p.m.

SECOND DAY—Night Session.

After praise service, conducted by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, the Association was called to order by Moderator. Rev. D. M. Austin made following report on State Missions.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This is the department of our Mission work by which we must give the Gospel to the destitute sections in the bounds of our State. We have at present more than one hundred Missionaries who are wholly or partially supported by the State Mission Board. These are earnest, faithful men, and in many cases are making real sacrifices to do the Master's work. In view of the great importance of this branch of our work to the success of all other Mission work, we earnestly urge that all of our churches contribute liberally to this object, and to pray that the Lord will enable us to establish a Baptist church in reasonable distance of the people of every neighborhood in our entire State. COMMITTEE.

Report was followed by an able and instructive address on the subject from Dr. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary, strongly urging the importance of this department of our work.

Bro. D. S. Peterson, representing the *North Carolina Baptist* was recognized, and in a short talk presented its claims, its object and its relation to the *Biblical Recorder*.

On motion adjourned.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

After singing, and prayer by Dr. Gwaltney, the Association was called to order by Moderator. Minutes read and approved. Report on State Missions made previous evening was adopted. Drs. Pritchard and Gwaltney told how to raise money for State Missions.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS BY REV. A. W. CRBTREE.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is the agency through which Southern Baptists are endeavoring to evangelise the entire South, the Indian Territory, Cuba, and other places. Within this territory there are 368 missionaries laboring under the direction of the Board. Of this number 20 are laboring in Western North Carolina. During the last conventional year, as a result of the labors of these missionaries there were 5,111 baptised. Total added 9,604 in the

home mission field to Baptist churches. Within the same time there were 155 churches constituted and 92 houses of worship built. Since the beginning of missionary operations in Cuba, and especially the last few years, our missionaries have been bitterly opposed by the Roman Catholic church. Notwithstanding the opposition the Baptist faith is gaining favor with the people. Several influential priests have joined the Baptist ranks. Now is a good time to do aggressive work in that priest-ridden country. The institutions, both civil and religious, of our country are threatened by an unprecedented influx of foreign population, and with this the dissemination of corrupt and corrupting idolatry. The salvation of those coming among us, the security of our institutions, and the welfare of our prosperity, demand that we obey the command of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." COMMITTEE.

Discussed by Dr. Pritchard, dwelling at length on the duty of the denomination to educate and evangelize the colored people. Adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In the beginning God created man, and endowed him with a greater understanding than any other creature. He gave him controll over the beasts of the field, the fowls of the air, and the animals of the sea. He also gave him a talent to improve; and how shall we improve it to a success unless we are educated? and how shall we ever receive an education unless an effort is put forth for that accomplishment? I would state that during these closing years of this the nineteenth century geater efforts are being put forth to educate the boys and girls of our country than has ever been done before. There are colleges being built all over the States, but Wake Forest College is the one in which we are most interested, and on which we depend for our preachers. It was instituted in 1830 and to-day has about 175 students, and 35 of them are beneficiaries. May God hasten the day when this nation shall be noted for its learned men and women, when it shall no longer be looked upon as ignorant, but shine forth in knowledge as bright as the noon-day sun. Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DAVIS.

Discussed by Dr. Gwaltney and Rev. D. W. Thomason. Adopted.

On motion adjourd until 3 p.m.

THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session.

Called to order by Moderator. Dr. Pritchard submitted the following report on Aged Ministers' Relief Board:

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF BOARD.

It gives your Committee pleasure to know that a Board has been created and located at Durham, N. C., to look after the comfort of our aged and infirm ministers, and we respectfully urge all the churches of this Association to take up a collecton at least once a year for the benefit of this worthy class of God's faithful servants. Other denominations are alive to their duty in this regard, and contirbute thousands of dollars for the maintenance of their wornout preachers, and we should not be remiss in the discharge of what we ought to regard as a grateful privilege; and the churches are requested to report any such cases in the ministry, who may be members of this body. COMMITTEE.

Discussed by Revs. Abernathy, Pritchard, Edwards and Thomason. Adopted.

Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting reported, recommending Arlington Church as the place of next meeting. Adopted.

Chair appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention, Rev. D. M. Austin, Dr. T. H. Pritchard, I. W. Durham, Rev. J. O. Alderman, Rev. A. W. Crabtree, J. K. Purefoy, T. J. Renfrow; and by request C. Gresham.

Delegate to Southern Baptiist Convention, Dr. T. H. Pritchard. Alternate, C. Gresham.

Rev. J. O. Alderman was appointed to preach introductory sermon at next meeting. Alternate, Dr. Pritchard.

Chair appointed Rev. D. M. Austin to prepare programme for next year's union meetings.

Finance Committee made report, which was adopted.

The Association then discussed Associational Missions. Speakers: Revs. Austin, Gwaltney, Pritchard and Thomason.

Report on Obituaries showed that 18 had died since last meeting. Resolutions of sympathy were extended to the bereaved.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that this Association return heartfelt thanks for the kind hospitality shown them during this session by the Baptists of Charlotte.

The Moderator expressed his thanks to the Association for uniform kindness shown, and for good order.

Ten dollars was voted to the clerk for services.

On motion of Dr. Pritchard, the Association adjourned until next annual meeting.

I. W. DURHAM, Clerk. C. GRESHAM, Moderator.

Financial Table.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Minutes.	PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR. Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Educa ion.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers
Arlington	$ 2 30	$ 75	$ 2 67	$ 1 30	. . .	$ 2 00	. .	$ 2 00	$ 3 00	$ 2 00	$ 50 00	$ 25 00
Tryon Street	343 19	200 00	75 00	100 00	$ 40 00	3 00	$ 75 00	50 00	75 00	50 00	50 00	. . . .
Clear Creek	2 50	. . . .	2 50	. . . .	. . . .	00	2 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	. . . .	. . . .
Cold Water	2 50	2 50	5 00	. . . .	. . . .	1 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	1 00	. . . .	. . . .
Concord	7 77	6 38	6 61	9 08	11 86	1 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	. . . .	. . . .
Chaney's Hill	1 00	1 00	1 50	. . . .	41	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	. . . .	. . . .
Hopewel's	1 00	1 00	1 50	. . . .	. . . .	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 50	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Howel's	1 00	1 00	1 75	. . . .	1 00	50	00	00	00	00	. . . .	. . . .
Ind. Hill	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	4 05	1 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	. . . .	. . . .
Matthews	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	4 47	2 00	. . .	5 00	5 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .
Olivet	35 00	35 00	150 00	50 00	30 00	2 00	60 00	40 00	150 00	50 00	. . . .	. . . .
Prospect	5 00	5 00	5 00	. . . .	. . . .	1 00	00	5 00	5 00	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Wilson's Grove	1 00	1 05	3 00	. . . .	. . . .	40	5 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	. . . .	. . . .
Oak Grove	. . . .	50	1 00	. . . .	. . . .	50	1 00	1 50	2 00	1 00	. . . .	. . . .
Long Creek	1 00	1 00	2 00	. .	. .	1 00	00	1 00	5 00	5 00	. . .	
	$ 413 26	$ 265 18	$ 172 53	$ 170 38	$ 91 79	$ 17 40	$ 158 00	$ 124 00	$ 266 50	$123 00	$ 50 00	$ 25 00
E. H. Hinson.							2 00		2 00			

Statistical Table.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	Sabbaths Preached	Baptisms.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor.
Arlington	A. W. Crabtree	J. A. Honeycutt	Arlington, N. C.	13	20	6	.	3	10	1	90	119	209	$ 100 00	. . . .	$ 2 00
Tryon Street	T. H. Pritchard	J. O. Bell	Charlotte, N. C.	52	6	43	1	20	1	5	124	205	329	1800 00	$ 315 00	64 00
Clear Creek	R. H. James	L. A. Ferguson	Oak, N. C	13	15	.	.	11	4	2	49	58	107	. . .	. . . .	. . .
Cold Water	A. W. Crabtree	L. A. Talbert	Concord, N. C.	13	11	.	.	4	1	.	29	30	59	50 00	3 70	. . .
Concord	J. O, Alderman	J. M. Callaway	Concord, N. C.	52	8	16	.	3	.	1	30	62	92	575 00	109 87	. . .
Chaney's Hill	J. W. Snider	W. M. Chaney	Garmond, N. C.	13	10	6	1	1	2	.	23	36	59	25 00	. . . .	. . .
Hopewell	A. W. Crabtree	W. A. Honeycut	Davidson, N. C.	13	9	.	.	1	7	.	36	49	85	75 00	3 00	. . .
Howells	M. R. Medlin	J. R. McCurdy	Bost's Mills, N. C.	13	.	.	.	10	.	1	14	28	42	35 00	. . . .	. . .
Ind. Hill	J. A. Hoyle	J. F. Hawkins	Croft, N. C.	13	5	.	.	1	2	.	31	53	84	125 00	13 00	. . .
Matthews	J. R. Richardson	T. J. Renfrow	Matthews N. C.	13	1	2	.	13	.	1	46	72	117	250 00	4 46	. . .
Olivet	D. M. Austin	C. Gresham	Charlotte, N. C.	52	16	18	.	.	1	2	37	71	117	1000 00	165 00	100 00
Prospect	J. F. Hoge	A. E. Lowder	Albemarle, N. C.	13	1	.	.	4	.	1	21	54	75	50 00	. . . .	. . .
Wilson's Grove	A W. Crabtree	H. M. Watts	Hornet, N. C.	13	.	4	2	5	8	4	35	55	90	61 00	2 00	. . .
Oak Grove	A. W. Crabtree	H. Neal	Arlington, N. C.	13	5	.	.	2	.	.	9	8	17	40 00	5 00	. . .
Long Creek	J. F. Morris	J. V. Fisher	Mt. Island, N. C.	13	10	12	.	.	.	.	10	12	22	51 00	8 00	. . .
					117	107	4	78	36	18	592	912	1504	$4237 00	$ 629 03	$166 00

Statistical Table---Concluded.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	Minutes.	Repairs.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Total.
Arlington	A. W. Crabtree	J. A. Honeycut	Arlington, N. C.	$ 2 00	. . . .	$ 2 67	$ 2 30	$ 5 75	$ 1 30	.	$ 4 00	$ 120 02
Tryon Street	T. H. Pritchard	J. O Bell	Charlotte, N. C.	3 00	$ 21 50	75 00	343 19	200 00	100 00	$40 00	40 00	5130 19
Clear Creek	R. H. James	L. A. Ferguson	Oak, N C.	. .	. . .	2 50	2 50	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	5 00
Cold Water	A. W. Crabtree	L. A. Talbirt	Concord, N. C.	1 00	. . . .	5 00	2 50	5 90	. . .	. . .	. . .	68 10
Concord	J. O. Alderman	J. M. Calloway	Concord, N. C.	1 00	. . . .	6 61	7 77	6 38	9 08	5 86	33 72	755 29
Chaney's Hill	J. W. Snider	W. M. Chaney	Garmond, N. C.	1 00	. . . .	1 50	1 00	1 00	.	41	. .	29 91
Hopewell	A. W. Crabtree	W. A. Honeycut	Davidson, N C.	1 00	. . . .	1 50	1 00	1 00	. . .	. . .	4 00	86 50
Howel's	M. R. Medlin	J. R. McCurdy	Bost's Mills, N. C.	50	. . . .	1 75	1 00	1 00	. . .	1 00	. .	40 25
Ind Hill	J. A. Hoyle	J F. Hawkins	Croft, N. C.	1 00	. . . .	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	4 05	. . .	163 05
Matthews	J. B. Richardson	T. F. Renfrow	Matthews, N. C.	2 00	278 28	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	4 47	. . .	564 21
Olivet	D. M. Austin	C. Gresham	Charlotte, N. C.	2 00	300 co	150 00	35 00	35 00	50 00	30 00	. . .	1867 00
Prospect	J. F. Hoge	A E. Lowder	Albemarle, N. C.	1 00	. . . .	5 00	5 00	5 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	66 00
Wilson's Grove	A W. Crabtree	H M. Watts	Hornet, N. C.	40	. .	3 00	1 00	4 35	. . .	. . .	3 00	74 75
Oak Grove	A. W. Crabtree	H. Neal	Arlington, N. C.	50	125 00	1 00	. . .	50	. . .	. . .	. . .	172 00
Long Creek	J. F. Morris	J. V. Fisher	Mt. Island, N. C.	1 00	. . . .	2 00	1 00	1 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	64 00
				$17 40	$2853 28	$272 53	$413 26	$276 88	$170 38	$85 79	$84 72	$9206 27

Sunday School Table

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFEICF.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Expenses	Contributions.	Volumes in Library.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.
Arlington			6	53	$ 8 50		20	65
Tryon Street	I. W. Durham	Charlotte, N. C.	22	180	80 00	$ 86 00	150	1460
Clear Creek	R. H. McManus			38		4 00		160
Cold Water	W. T. Talbirt	Concord, N. C.	5	45	5 60		50	40
Concord	A. W. Morgan	Concord, N. C.	11	66	10 00		75	
Chaney's Hill	C. P. Sosaman	Garmond, N. C.	4	24	1 15			25
Hopewell								40
Howel's								
Ind Hill	A. N. Hinson	Croft, N. C.	7	50	10 13			60
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow	Matthews, N. C.	10	65	20 00	30 00		120
Olivet	C. Gresham	Charlotte, N. C.	12	160	60 00			227
Prospect	T. S. Carter	Palestine, N. C.	6	40	4 09			48
Wilson's Grove	S. S. Pigg	Hornet, N. C.	4	29	1 88	1 01	40	30
Oak Grove								
Long Creek								
			87	750	$ 201 35	$ 121 01	335	2275

MINUTES

OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH,

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

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ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH,

MECKLENBURG COUNTY, N. C., OCT. 18, 1894.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Baptist Association met in its ninth annual session, and after a sermon by Rev. J. O. Alderman, from II. Peter, 3:18, was called to order by Moderator Gresham.

Letters were read from the churches and the following delegates enrolled:

Arlington—F. M. Hinson, E. H. Hinson, W. M. Connell.
Tryon Street—R. H. Jordan, S. P. Smith, I. W. Durham.
Clear Creek—J. T. Estridge.
Cold Water—W. T. Talbirt, P. V. Talbirt.
Concord—W. S. Kimrey, J. C. Smith.
Chaney Hill—C. P. Sossaman, Thos. Falks, Wm. Yow.
Howell's—D. W. Gorman, J. R. McCurdy, F. M. Hatley.
Indian Hill—A. N. Hinson, J. L. Cashion, C. J. Black, H. L. Helms.
Matthews—M. H. Lindsay.
Olivet—C. Gresham, L. R. Pruett, D. M. Austin.
Prospect—Lindsay Lowder.
Wilson Grove—Rev. J. S. King, W. H. Mullis, W. G. Thomas.
Oak Grove—R. A. Dees, Henry Neal.
Long Creek—M. W. Sanford, R. L. Phillips.
Pine Hills—J. W. Snider, C. W. Austin.

The following officers were duly elected: C. Gresham, Moderator; I. W. Durham, Clerk; A. N. Hinson, Treasurer.

On motion, adjourned one hour.

First Day—Afternoon Session.

After singing and prayer, the chair appointed the following committees:

Order of Business—Rev. L. R. Pruitt, S. P. Smith and F. M. Hinson.

Finance—M. H. Lindsay, F. M. Hinson, C. J. Black.

Requests and Queries—Rev. D. M. Austin, Rev. L. R. Pruett and A. N. Hinson.

Obituaries—Rev. D. W. Thomason, Rev. J. B. Richardson and Rev. J. O. Alderman.

Committee on Order of Business made report as follows:

Thursday, 2 p. m.—Orphanage.
" 3 " —Ministers' Relief Board.
Friday, 10 a. m.—Periodicals.
" 11 " —Ministerial Education.
" 1:30 p. m.—State Missions.
Saturday, 10 a. m.—Foreign Missions.
" 11 " —Home Missions.
" 1:30 p. m.—Sunday Schools.
Sermon at 11 a. m. and at night each day.

Report was adopted. The Moderator appointed the following committees: On Orphanage, Dr. T. H. Pritchard; State Missions, Rev. D. M. Austin; Foreign Missions, Rev. J. B. Richardson; Home Missions, Rev. D. W. Thomason; Education, Rev. J. O. Alderman; Periodicals, C. J. Black; Aged Ministers, Rev. A. M. Crabtree; Sunday Schools, S. P. Smith.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Some seven or eight years ago the Baptists of the State established an orphanage at Thomasville. It has had for several years an average of about 125 little children, who are

clothed, fed and educated and fitted for usefulness in life. We recommend that our churches remember this enterprise, and that our Sunday Schools especially be requested to take up monthly collections for its support.

T. H. PRITCHARD.

Dr. Pritchard followed in a strong appeal for support for the orphanage. It was further discussed by J. C. Cadlell, A. W. Crabtree and J. O. Alderman. Report was adopted.

Rev. A. W. Crabtree made the following report on Aged Ministers: It is the duty of every church to care for its aged and infirm ministers. Up to a few years ago no general work was done by our convention in this direction. Some years ago, at the convention held in Henderson, a board was created to take charge of this interest. This board is located at Durham and is doing something for this worthy but neglected class of men, but not much, because the churches do not seem to appreciate its importance. Your committee would earnestly urge all our churches to contribute to this worthy cause. A. W. CRABTREE.

Discussed by Dr. Pritchard and Rev. A. C. Davis.

On motion of Dr. Pritchard pledges were taken for Aged Ministers relief Board. (See financial table.) Report was adopted. Preaching tonight by Rev. D. W. Thomason. Adjourned until tomorrow 9:30 a. m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional services at 9:30, conducted by Bro. A. N. Hinson. At 10 a. m., association was called to order by the Moderator. Chairman recognized Rev. A. C. Davis from Union.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Reading is one of the greatest means of obtaining knowledge; read that you may weigh and consider; read the papers of our land, and most especially our religious periodicals, the most important of all publications. I recommend

that our Baptist people and all others be urged to subscribe and diligently read our publications, the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal, Charity and Children and the Home Field.

C. J. Black

Report was ably discussed by Bro. J. C. Caddell, Dr. Pritchard, Rev J. B. Richardson, C. Gresham, Rev. L. R. Pruitt and Rev. A. C. Davis, and was adopted. Sermon at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. J. Payseur, text: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation." Adjourned one hour.

Second Day—Afternoon Session.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

In Wake Forest College the Baptists of North Carolina have a most excellent institution for both people and preachers There young men are offered very great advantages. Several boarding houses offer various advantages; at some of these a young man can get good board at $6.00 per month. God seems to call to the ministry the poor and dependent young men. We are called upon to prepare the way of the Lord by helping these to become effective workers. There are some seventy young men there preparing to become messengers of God unto dying men and women. Of these thirty-six are unable to pay their way and are helped by the Board. The Board pays each of these young men $9.00 per month. A small amount thus invested is most judiciously invested. Let us put our hearts and hands into the work and God will give the increase.

J. O. Alderman.

Discussed by Rev. J. O. Alderman, Dr. Pritchard, Rev. L. R. Pruitt, Rev. J. J. Payseur and Rev. R. N. Jones. Adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This is the department of our work by which we hope to

give the gospel to the destitute sections in the bounds of our State. We have about 100 missionaries in the field this year who are wholly, or partially supported by the Board. They are earnest, faithful men, making sacrifices to preach to the destitute of our State. In view of the great importance of the work we urge that all of our churches give liberally for the support of State Missions.

D. M. Austin.

After remarks by Bro. Austin pledges were taken. (See financial table.) Report was adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. B. Richardson an Executive Committee was appointed as follows: Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Rev. D. M. Austin, Rev. L. R. Pruitt and C. Gresham to cooperate with the State Mission Board with a view to putting a strong missionary in this association. Adjourned until tomorrow a. m.

Third Day—Morning Session.

Devotional exercises at 9:30, conducted by Bro. J. C. Black. At 10 a. m. Moderator called association to order Prospect church requested a letter of dismission to unite with Stanly Association—granted. Pine Hill asked for admission into this association—refered to committee on requests and queries. Committee reported favorably and on motion said church was admitted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The extent of the christian work as related to his fellowman is as unlimited as the life and spirit of Jesus himself, and these are as far-reaching as His atonement and love. The word declares (Heb. 2:9) that He tasted death for every man, and in I John 2:2 that He is thepropitiation for the sins of the whole world; and in I John 1:7 that His blood cleanseth from all sin. Hence we have the command in Mark 16:15 "Go ye into all the world" &c. The hundreds of missionaries now in the many foreign fields and their success show God's

approval, "Lo I am with you" &c. The openings of Providence call us as never before to these foreign fields. Cheap transportation, quick transit and advantages in money exchange all bid and encourage us to press the work. Recently one hundred dollars of our money bought a check on Shanghai bank for $198. The cost and transportation of said check to China was only fifteen cents. Surely the Lord is in, and would have his people and we in, foreign mission work.

J. B. Richardson.

On motion Dr. Pritchard was requested to and preached an able sermon on Foreign Missions. Text Isa. 54:2, 3—same text Wm. Carey preached from Oct. 2, 1792. Pledges were taken. (See financial table.) Report was adopted. A cash collection of $4.55 was taken for a family in distress in the community.

Committee on Requests and Queries reported, recommending Indian Hill as the place of next meeting. Time, Thursday before 3rd Sunday in Oct. '95. Report was adopted with amendment changing place of meeting to Concord. Adjourned one hour.

Third Day—Afternoon Session.

After singing and reading of scripture the Chairman appointed the following to report at the next meeting on the different objects, viz:

On Foreign Missions—Rev. D. W. Thomason.
On Home Missions—Rev. J. J. Payseur.
On State Missions—Rev. L. R. Pruitt.
On Education—Rev. J. O. Alderman.
On Orphanage—Rev. Dr. T. H. Pritchard.
On Aged Ministers—Rev. J. B. Richardson.
On Periodicals—Rev. D. M. Austin.
On S. Schools—Bro. C. J. Black.

Report on Home Missions.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Con-

vention is trying to supply the general destitution within our own bounds and Cuba. There are several departments of this work. First, the foreign population. The Board seeks through its missionaries to supply these people with preaching and such religious literature as will evangelise them. This is a very important work. Second, the Indians within the Indian Territory; the work has been very successfully carried on. Results, [illegible]ssociations, 301 churches, 13,844 members. Third, Cuba. The Board says our work there still exhibits the same features of interest which has characterized it from the beginning and is represented as being in a most prosperous condition. This is one of our most wonderful missions. Fourth, the work among the negroes. The Board is doing what it can for this class of our population by holding meetings with and for negro preachers, thereby instructing them more fully in the way of the Lord. Fifth, the work among our own native white population in the country and cities where it is not, and cannot be done by our State Boards. The Board in these departments of its work needs our sympathy, co-operation and liberal contributions. The Board had in emplo last year 381 missionaries, who baptized 4,470 converts, constituted 133 churches and built 67 houses of worship; besides a vast amount of work we cannot mention here. $107,544 70 was raised for the work last year. In conclusion your committee would call attention to "Our Home Field" published by the Board for the dissemination of information in the work.

D. W. Thomason.

After being ably discussed by Dr. Pritchard and Rev. L. R. Pruitt it was adopted. Chairman appointed Bro. J. L. Cashion to prepare programme for Union meetings for next year.

Report of Finance Committee was read and approved. Committee on Sunday Schools being absent no report was made but the subject was ably discussed by Bro. Pruitt, Dr. Pritchard and Bro. A. C. Davis.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

On June 8, 1894 God removed from our midst Bro. A. Baxter Cashion, an esteemed brother, a devoted christian and an earnest and faithful Sunday School worker. He leaves a loving wife and four little ones to mourn their loss.

No woman is better known to the Baptist people of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties than Sister R. A. Stowe of Concord She lived there more than thirty years without any Baptist church to attend or any brethern to visit her, but by praying and beseeching God to send one of His messengers He sent Brother Bostic there to preach Now they have a church. She was very much afflicted during her last days, being confined to her chair for more than three years. After this terrible trial God removed her from her friends and received her into His mansion We were much grieved to lose her, but have no cause to murmur as she spent more than seventy years with us. COMMITTEE.

Report was adopted. Resolution of thanks for hospitality was read and adopted. Ten dollars was voted to clerk for services. Chairman appointed Dr T. H. Pritchard delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. Chairman appointed Brother J C Black and A C. Davis corresponding messengers to Union association, Rev. J. O Alderman and J R McCurdy messengers to Stanly association. On motion adjourned.

I. W. DURHAM, Clerk.

C. GRESHAM, Moderator.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Education.	Orphanage	Minutes.	PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR. Foreign Missions	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Education.	Orphanage	Aged Ministers.
Arlington	$ 3 00	$ 1 00	$ 2 00	70	22	.....	$ 5 00	.....	$ 3 00	$ 2 00	.....	$ 1 00
Tryon Street	223 00	50 00	125 00	$135 00	$85 00	$ 2 50	75 00	$ 50 00	75 00	75 00	.....	25 00
Clear Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	.....	2 00
Cold Water	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 30	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 00
Concord	13 33	11 23	14 35	8 03	4 00	1 30	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	.....	5 00
Chaneys Hill	1 00	76	1 00	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hopewell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Howels	1 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....
Independence Hill	5 00	5 00	5 16	5 00	2 08	1 20	5 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	.....	2 00
Matthews	1 63	3 52	9 49	.....	9 18	1 25	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	10 88	.....
Olivet	25 00	25 00	75 00	25 00	.....	75	35 00	35 00	75 00	25 00	.....	10 00
Prospect	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilson Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oak Grove	1 00	1 00	1 00	86	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Long Creek	.....	1 00	5 00	.....	.....	75	2 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1 00
Pine Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$281 11	$100 51	$245 00	$175 89	$96 98	$10 30	$144 00	$110 50	$183 00	$115 50	$10 88	$47 00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCH	PASTOR.	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	Sabbaths Preached.	Baptisms.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor.
Arlington	A W Crabtree	J A Honeycutt.	Arlington, N C	13	4	10	3	6	42	3	66	86	152	$ 3[illegible] 00	$ 8 75	$ 9 55
Tryon Street	F H Pritchard	J A Durham	Charlotte, N C	52	34	44	1	21	2	3	145	236	381	1 800 00	45 00	100 00
Clear Creek	R H James	L A Ferguson.	Oak Grove N C	13	—	—	—	4	11	2	30	60	90	50 00	—	—
Cold Water	A W Crabtree	L A Talbirt	Concord N C	13	3	2	1	—	5	2	29	30	59	—	4 80	—
Concord	J O Alderman	J M Calloway	Concord, N C	52	7	10	—	5	—	3	33	68	101	575 00	37 50	—
Chaneys Hill	A W Crabtree	W M Chaney	Garmond N C	13	16	2	1	—	1	—	31	42	73	55 00	5 00	—
Hopewell	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Howel's	A W Crabtree	J R McCurdy	Flows, N C	13	2	4	—	2	3	1	13	29	42	20 00	2 0	—
Mud Hill	D W Thomason	J F Hawkins	Concord, N C	13	12	4	—	1	1	2	37	59	96	100 00	6 0	5 00
Matthews	J B Richardson	T J Renfrow	Matthews N C	13	22	1	2	7	1	1	51	77	128	200 00	—	—
Olivet	L R Pruitt	T S Franklin	Charlotte, N C	52	9	15	—	12	9	—	43	70	113	850 00	71 00	—
Prospect	J F Hodge	L Lowder	Albemarle, N C	13	—	—	—	2	2	1	19	51	70	25 00	75	—
Wilson's Grove	J E King	W G Thomas	Hoods, N C	13	6	9	2	8	10	2	24	31	55	38 55	—	—
Oak Grove	A W Crabtree	J H Neal	Concord, N C	13	6	1	—	2	1	—	9	15	24	8 32	1 00	—
Long Creek	J F Morris	F T Beaty	Mt Island, N C	13	4	1	—	—	—	1	13	12	25	75 00	35 00	—
Pine Hill	J W Snider	—	Charlotte, N C	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	4	—	—	—	—
				—	125	103	10	70	88	21	550	870	1 409	$3816	$621 80	$114 55

STATISTICAL TABLE—CONCLUDED.

CHURCH	PASTOR.	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	Minutes.	Repairs.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Total.
Arlington	A W Crabtree	J A Honeycutt.	Arlington, N C			$ 2 00	$ 3 00	$ 1 00	70	22		$ 55 22
Tryon Street	T H Prichard	J A Durham	Charlotte, N C	$ 2 50	$ 54 00	125 00	223 00	50 00	$135 00	$85 00	$ 801 00	3825 50
Clear Creek	R H James	L A Ferguson.	Oak Grove N C	60								50 60
Cold Water	A W Crabtree	L A Talbirt	Concord N C			2 00	2 00	2 00	1 30			12 10
Concord	J O Alderman	J M Calloway	Concord, N C	1 30		14 35	13 33	11 23	8 03		254 09	914 83
Chaneys Hill	A W Crabtree	W M Chaney	Garmond N C			1 00	1 00	76		50		63 26
Hopewell												
Howel's	A W Crabtree	J R McCurdy	Flows, N C									
Ind. Hill	D W Thomason.	J Hawkins	Croft, N C				1 15					23 15
Matthews	J B Richardson.	T J Renfrow	Matthews N C	1 20		5 16	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 08	3 10	137 54
Olivet	L R Pruitt	T S Franklin	Charlotte, N C	1 25	250 00	9 49	1 63	3 52		9 18		475 07
Prospect	J F Hodge	L Lowder	Albemarle, N C	75	100 00	75 00	25 00	25 00	25 00			1171 75
Wilson's Grove	J E King	W G Thomas	Hoods, N C	1 00		5 00	5 00					36 75
Oak Grove	A W Crabtree	J H Neal	Concord, N C	75								29 30
Long Creek	J F Morris	F T Beaty	Mt Island, N C		47 75	1 00	1 00	1 00	86			60 93
Pine Hill				75		5 00		1 00				116 75
				20								20
				$10 30	$451 75	$245 00	$281 11	$100 51	$175 89	$96 98	$1058 19	$6672 95

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Expenses	Contributions	Vols. in Library	Quarterlies and Papers Taken
Arlington	S A Phillips	Arlington, N C	6	25	$ 3 00	.....	22	25
Tryon Street	I W Durham	Charlotte, "	22	233	125 00	$137 25	150	295
Clear Creek	H W Pigg	Oak Grove, "	.....	69	3 85	.....	.....	.....
Cold Water	J T Barnhardt	Concord, "	6	30	1 45	.....	50	26
Concord	A W Morgan	Concord, "	11	100	25 00	30 50	....	135
Chaneys Hill	C P Sasaman	Garmond, "	5	20	1 25	.....	....	20
Hopewell	No Letter	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
Howels	A L Howell	Furrs, N C	6	57	3 22	3 22	12	6
Independence Hill	A N Hinson	Croft, "	5	50	11 45	11 45	....	60
Matthews	T J Renfrow	Matthews, "	11	80	20 00	31 70	....	150
Olivet	T S Franklin	Charlotte, "	8	67	150 00	150 00	....	125
Prospect	Ellis Morris	New London "	7	47	4 00	4 00	....	108
Wilson Grove	W H Mullis	Hoods, "	7	40	80	.....	....	.....
Oak Grove	No School.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
Long Creek	L N Todd	Mt. Island, "	4	36	2 56	.....	....	27
Pine Hill	Admitted this	Session.	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
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OF THE

TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

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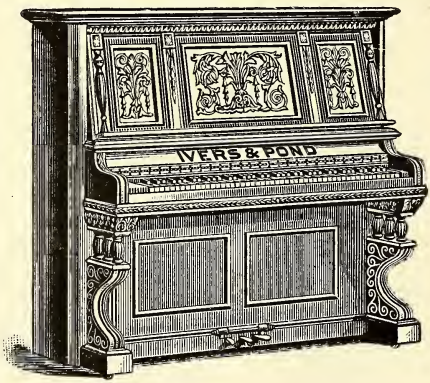
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PROCEEDINGS.

CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH,

CONCORD, N. C., Oct. 17, 1895.

The Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Baptist Association assembled in its Tenth Annual Session with the above named church, and was called to order by Dr. T. H. Pritchard, in the absence of Moderator Gresham. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Newton. Hymn, "Come thou fount of every blessing." On motion, committee consisting of Pastor and Deacons of this church, and Rev. A. W. Crabtree and Rev. W. J. Wyatt were appointed on religious exercises. Also following committee was appointed on order of business, W. J. Wyatt, C. S. Davis and F. T. Beaty.

Roll of churches called and reported as follows:

Arlington—E. H. Williams, W. M. Connell, E. H. Hinson.
Tryon Street—Dr. T. H. Pritchard, I. W. Durham.
Clear Creek—L. A. Ferguson, T. L. Ferguson.
Cold Water—J. D. Smith, C. F. Faggot.
Concord—J. D. McLester, Jno. Clayton, J. H. Welch, W. S. Kimery, R. P. Lentz.
Chaney's Hill—No letter.
Hopewell—Barnet, Jno. Winecoff, W. H. McCoy.
Howell's—A. L. Howell, W. A. McCurdy, H. T. Stowe.
Independence Hill—E. N. Hinson, S. L. Davis, H. L. Helms.
Matthews—E. J. Funderburk.
Olivet—Rev. L. R. Pruett.
Wilson's Grove—A L. Pigg, W. H. Mullis.
Oak Grove—W. H. Lee, H. M. Monson, Andrew Neal.
Long Creek—M. W. Sanford, F. T. Beaty.
Pine Hill—No letter.
Friendship—R. M. Walker, J. J. Payseur.

Committee on religious exercises reported as follows: Meet at 2 p. m., adjourn at will, and meet again at 8 p. m. Report adopted. Committee continued. On motion adjourned till 2 p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened by singing "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Committee on Order of Business reported as follows:

Thursday, 2 p. m.—Orphanage.
Thursday, 3 p. m.—Ministers Relief Board.
Friday, 10:00 a. m.—Periodicals.
Friday, 11:00 a. m.—Ministerial Education.
Friday, 2 p. m.—State Missions.
Saturday, 10:00 a. m.—Foreign Missions.
Saturday, 11:90 a. m.—Home Missions.
Saturday, 2 p. m.—Sunday Schools.
Sermon at night during meeting of Association. Report adopted.

The following officers were elected: Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Moderator; I. W. Durham, Clerk; A. N. Hilson, Treasurer.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Since our last Session the officers who manage our Orphanage have been changed. Our dear Bro. J. H. Mills, who is the founder and father of Orphanages in North Carolina, has been superceded by Rev. J. B. Boone, and the old Treasurer, Rev. W. S. Hall, by Bro. Ivy Allen. The organ of the Orphanage, "Charity and Children," has also passed into new hands, Bro. A. Johnson having been elected editor of the paper, and canvasser for it and the institution. The Orphanage is somewhat in debt, owing however, less than a thousand dollars, and the present managers express the hope that they will be able at no distant day to relieve it of this embarrassment. The farm and gardens have been productive the past season, the children have kept healthy generally. There are the usual number, between 123 and 130. The weather will soon be cold and these little unfortunates will need shoes and and thicker clothing to make them comfortable. This body begs leave to urge every Sunday School within its bounds to take up a collection for the Orphanage at least once a month. It gives your Committee pleasure to say that there is a church at the Orphanage for the benefit of the children and officers, and teachers, and that its spiritual condition is highly prosperous, 34 having been baptized during the year, with several others converted. T. H. PRITCHARD.

Discussed by Dr. Pritchard, J. D. Newton, J. M. Ballard and J. O. Alderman. On motion, adopted.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS RELIEF.

This Board is located at Durham, N. C., and Rev. W. C. Tyree is president. Contributions to this object may be sent to him. There are thirteen of these worthy brethren who have worn themselves out in preaching the gospel, and also three widows of some of our dead preachers are being aided. There is no regularly organized home for these brethren, but they live in the home of friends or relatives, and receive from the Board $4 to $5 per month. Brethren let us take one collection for this purpose in our churches this year.

J. D. NEWTON.

Discussed by J. C. Codell and Dr. Pritchard. On motion, adopted.

Chair welcomed visiting brethren J. M. Ballard and E. D. Teeter from other Associations; also Rev. T. W. Smith of the Methodist Church to the privileges of the Association.

Adjourned until 9:30 to-morrow.

Dr. Pritchard preached at night on Foreign Missions. Collections for Orphanage $3.73

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

After devotional exercises conducted by Bro. W. J. Wyatt, the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Chair welcomed Bro. G. W. Gower, from Green River Association. The Chair appointed the following committee on time and place of next meeting: T. C. Wilson, H. M. Helms and H. M. Munson. Committee on Obituaries, A. W. Crabtree, W. J. Wyatt and E. J. Funderburk.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We think that in proportion as our people are informed concerning the objects of our denominational work, just so will their zeal be increased and their contributions enlarged. To this end we would earnestly urge that our people take and read all the good literature possible. Let every family possible take the "Biblical Recorder" which for the past sixty years has been the organ of our convention, and which for all of these years has been a faithful exponent of Baptist principles and Baptist progress. We would also recommend the North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, and the Home Journal.

J. B. RICHARDSON.

Discussed by J. C. Cadell, Dr. Pritchard, G. W. Gower and A. W. Crabtree. On motion the report was adopted.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Chair appointed the following committees to report at next meeting on the following objects:

Periodicals—J. B. Richardson.

Foreign Missions—L. R. Pruitt.

Home Missions—J. J. Payseur.

Orphanage—A. L. Betts.

Ministers' Relief Board—C. Gresham.

State Missions—J. O. Alderman.

Sunday Schools—A. N. Hinson.

Finance Committee—E. H. Williams, W. M. Connell, L. A. Ferguson.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—Rev. J. O. Alderman. Alternate, Rev. J. J. Payseur.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—A. N. Hinson, I. W. Durham.

Rev. J. B. Boone, Superintendent of our Orphanage, was given opportunity and made statement showing the condition of the institution, and called attention to the needs of the same at this season of the year.

Friendship Baptist Church asked to unite with this Association. On motion said church was received and right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Wake Forest College is our college. It is doing a great work for the State in preparing young men for active life. But especially is this college doing a great thing for the denomination. It secures an intelligent lay membership; but especially it fits men for the work of the ministry. The Baptists are waking up to the need of more and deeper intelligence. There are some sixty young men at Wake Forest studying for the ministry, some thirty-five of them are poor and unable to pay their expenses. They look to us for support in this preparation, God is also looking to see what use we shall make of the means entrusted to us.

J. O. ALDERMAN.

RESOLVED, That E. J. Funderburk, C. Gresham, W. C. Dowd, T. J. Renfrow, A. N. Hinson, Eli Hinson and L. Medlin be appointed a Board of Trustees to secure suitable property in fee simple to them and to their successors for an Academy of high grade for the instruction of the boys and girls in our Association; provided, they do not bring this body in debt, and that these Trustees be instructed to organize and control said school and report in writing annually to this body. After a strong speech by Dr. Durham, the above report was adopted. Adjourned until 9:30 to-morrow.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9:30 a. m. religious exercises were conducted by Rev. J. M. Ballard. At 10 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order under the head of miscellaneous business. The Association selected Matthews as the place for next meeting. Rev. J. O. Alderman was elected to preach the introductory sermon with Rev. A. L. Betts alternate. A committee consisting of Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Rev. L. R. Pruitt and Bro. I. W. Durham was elected to confer as to the advisability of changing the time of meeting and to report at the next session.

By order of the Association the executive committee elected last year, consisting of Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Rev. D. M. Austin, Rev. L. R. Pruett and Bro. C. Gresham, was with the addition of Bro. A. N. Hinson, decreed to be the sole executive committee of this body.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of our Southern Baptist Convention means the co-operation of the churches in trying to supply the general destitution within the bounds of the convention and Cuba. We speak of this great work under five heads or departments, as follows:

1. The Negroes. This Board has ever tried to give the negroes religious instruction, realizing that they have souls for which our blessed Saviour died, that they are among us to stay, that they are subject to the laws of our country, as well as to the protection of its government. The North and South are to unite in their efforts to educate and evangelize the negroes of the South.

2. The Indians. This work has been confined to the Indian Territory. The work has been a success, and marvelous the results. Their dress, manner of life, occupation, customs and general governments in many sections are about the same as our own, and it has been wrought mainly by the influence of the gospel, administered by the Home Mission Board. There are now in the Indian Territory 16 Associations, 301 churches, 13,844 church members.

3. The Foreign Population. These are the strangers among us who have come from other countries. Our friendly South invites them and they are coming by the thousands. The Home Mission Board reports that they have mission points among the Germans in Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri and Texas, and among the French in Missouri and Louisiani.

4. The Native White Population. There are between 17 and 18 millions of human beings, over two-thirds of whom

are without a saving knowledge of God. After all, this is the main work of the Board. No work of the convention is more urgent and promising.

5. CUBA. This work now entirely under the direction of Bro. A. J. Diaz. He writes that his work is prospering as never before. The native missionaries to Cuba, E. Pendleton Jones, has returned on account of failing health. The work of this Board is great and pressing. They need $500,000 for the fields already open. J. J. PAYSEUR.

The following brethren spoke to the report. Revs. J. J. Payseur, C. E. Gower, J. M. Ballard, J. O. Alderman. Pledges were made. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" is the marching order of the Lord to his children. This takes in every nation on the globe. Acting under these instructions, the Baptists of England began this work over a hundred years ago, and ever since its organization the Southern Baptist Convention has been sending forth missionaries into China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico. Reports from these fields show that the Lord is with us in this work, and we have every reason to be encouraged and to devote more men and money to the prosecution of this the greatest enterprise ever projected by God or man. The fields are open and ripe unto the harvest; the laborers are ready and saying, send us, but alas, we have not the means to sustain them. It looks almost as though God had made it the specific work of North Carolina Baptists to educate and send out men and women to preach the gospel to the heathen—as we were the first denomination to send missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Yates, so we now have twice as many laborers in the foreign field as any other, though we regret to say that we are not contributing to this cause as liberally as our privileges demand. Over two millions of human souls have been won by the efforts of missionaries from the domain of heathenism to the domain of Christianity. More has been done within the past twenty-five years than in all the previous part of the century, and the outlook for the future is still more encouraging. We ought to thank God and take courage and to give more of faith and prayer, and time and money to this most glorious and beneficent cause.

T. H. PRITCHARD.

Discussed by Dr. Pritchard and Rev. J. D. Newton. Pledges were made and the report adopted.

Rev. J. J. Payseur called attention to the fact that the Adventists were trying to get possession of the Wilson Grove church house by buying a note for some $65.00 against it. His effort to raise $50.00 of this amount just here was successful. Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convened at 2:30 o'clock.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Dr. Yates said the hope of the heathen world is in well organized and well trained churches at home. The number of new churches constituted in last conventional year were 48; number baptized by the missionaries, 1,542; and the number of missionaries 95. God has graciously blessed the small contributions of His people to this department of our work. It is hoped that during the present year, the gospel of Christ will be preached in more than 600 destitute places and communities in our State. We should honor the men and their wives who are going into malarial districts of the East, the mountain sides and valleys of the West, toiling, suffering, and often dying, in order that the destitute families may hear the gospel. We should give our money and pray God's blessings upon the labors of our brethren who are standing at their posts, amid dangers, trials, sickness and persecutions, for the salvation of lost souls. J. D. NEWTON.

Discussed by Dr. Durham in a very strong address, giving an encouraging report of the work of the State Mission Board.

The subject having been previously discussed, pledges made and report adopted.

The Finance Committee submitted its report which was adopted.

Dr. Pritchard submitted the following resolution which was, after discussion by himself, adopted:

"RESOLVED, That the good women, members of the churches of this Association, are urged to develop their usefulness by the formation of Women's Missionary Societies."

Dr. Pritchard read also the following resolution which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Association here express its grateful appreciation of the long, valuable and very successful services of Bro. J. H. Mills, as the founder of Orphanages in North Carolina, and the general manager of our Orphanage at Thomasville since its establishment.

T. H. PRITCHARD.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. J. O. Alderman.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath School is doing a wonderful work for the young people and the old people two, of this day. Therefore, we beg that the delegates will return to their churches and give their labors and their prayers to the upbuilding of this enterprise, as it develops the brain and cultivates the Christian spirit of the rising generation and is an efficient means of bringing many converts into the churches of Christ.

A. W. CRABTREE.

Discussed by Rev. J. J. Payseur, Rev. C. E. Gower, Dr. J. B. Richardson and Dr. T. H. Pritchard. Report adopted.

Rev. J. D. Newton offered the following report which was adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered this church and community for the very kind hospitality which has been extended during this session.

Respectfully,

J. D. NEWTON.

On motion of Rev. J. B. Richardson, any brother visiting a sister Association is authorized to report himself a messenger from this Association.

Dr. J. B. Richardson called attention to the Matthews High School and the importonce of education and the importance of patronizing our own schools. Dr. Pritchard spoke in commendation of Matthews High School.

God be with you till we meet again, was sung, while a general hand shaking lead by Dr. Pritchard was indulged in.

Adjourned to meet at Matthews.

I. W. DURHAM.
Clerk.

T. H. PRITCHARD, D. D.,
Moderator.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.							PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR.					
	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Minutes.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.
Arlington	$ 2.00	$ 2.00	$ 2.00			$ 1.45	$ 3.00	$ 2.00	$ 3.00	$ 1.00		
Tryon Street	199.00	105.50	75.00	$ 219.00		2.50	75.00	50.00	75.00	75.00		$ 25.00
Clear Creek	2.00	2.00	2.00				3.00	3.00	2.00	2.00		2.00
Cold Water	2.00	2.00	2.00			.50	2.00	3.00	2.00	2.00		1.00
Concord	26.63	12.20	15.00	9.70	$ 14.30	1.50	10.00	10.00	7.50	10.00		5.00
Chaney's Hill	No letter						1.00			1.00		
Hopewell	2.00	2.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50		1.00		
Howell's	2.50		2.50				1.00	2.50	2.50	1.00		
Ind Hill	5.00	7.00	5.00	5.00	5.30	1.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		2.00
Matthews	5.00	5.00	5.00		6.70	2.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00		
Olivet	10.00		20.24	20.55		1.90	35.00	35.00	50.00	25.00		10.00
Wilson's Grove	1.00		1.00	1.00		.80	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	$ 2.00	2.00
Oak Grove	1.00		1.00			.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	.50		
Long Creek	1.00	1.00	5.00	1.00		.75	1.00	2.00	5.00	1.00		1.00
Pine Hill							1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		
Friendship	1.00		2.00	2.00	1.00	.75	2.00	2.00		2.00		
	$ 260.13	$ 138.70	$ 138.74	$ 258.25	$ 28.30	$ 15.15	$ 148.00	$ 125.00	$ 161.00	$ 131.50	$ 2.00	$ 48.00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	Sabbaths preached.	Baptisms.	Received by Letter,	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor.
Arlington	D. M. Austin	J. A. Huneycutt	Arlington, N. C.	13		3		1	10		59	91	150	$ 100.00		
Tryon Street	T. H. Pritchard	J. A. Durham	Charlotte, N. C.	52	13	39		18	5	2	158	249	407	1,800.00	$ 315.00	$ 200.00
Clear Creek	A. C. Davis	L. A. Ferguson	Oak Grove, N. C.	13	3		5	7	3		36	52	88	75.00		
Cold Water	A. C. Davis	L. A. Talbirt	Concord, N. C.	13	1	2					28	31	59	50.00		
Concord	J. O. Alderman	J. M. Calloway	Concord, N. C.	52	18	18		4	4	1	44	84	128	600.00	35.35	2.75
Chaney's Hill	No letter.															
Hopewell	W. J. Wyatt,	W. A. Honeycutt,	Davidson, N. C.	13			1	1		2	35	42	77	80.00		
Howell's		D. W. Garmon	Furrs, N. C.	13	6						15	34	49			
Ind Hill	D. W. Thomason	J. R. McCurdy	East Field, N. C.	13	3	5	1	2	3	3	33	58	91	100.00	5.90	
Matthews	J. B. Richardson	T. J. Renfrow	Matthews, N. C.	13	6	3		8	5	1	49	66	115	200.00		
Olivet	L. R. Pruitt	T. S. Franklin	Charlotte, N. C.	52	32	22	5	7			61	99	160	800.00	98.00	10.00
Wilson's Grove	J. J. Paysuer	W. H. Mullis	Hoods, N. C.	13	3	1	2	3	1		20	25	45			
Oak Grove	W. T. Talbirt	J. Bradshaw	Concord, N. C.	13	5		1		2		9	19	28	30.00	2.00	
Long Creek	J. J. Paysuer	M. W. Sanford	Paw Creek, N. C.	13	10	7					20	22	42	75.00	33.50	
Pine Hill																
Friendship	J. J. Paysuer	Ural Mitchell	Todd, N. C.	13	12	22					17	17	34			
					112	122	15	51	33	9	584	889	1,473	$3,910.00	$489.75	$ 212.75

STATISTICAL TABLE.---Concluded.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	Minutes.	Repairs.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.	Other Objects.	Total.
Arlington.....	D. M. Austin....	J. A. Huneycutt..	Arlington, N. C.	$ 1.45	$ 3.00	$ 2.00	$ 2.00	$ 2.00					$ 110.45
Tryon Street....	T. H. Pritchard.	J. A. Durham	Charlotte, N. C.	2.50		75.00	199.00	105.50	$ 219.00		$25.00	$433.00	3,374.00
Clear Creek.....	A. C. Davis	L. A. Ferguson...	Oak Grove, N. C			2.00	2.00	2.00					81.00
Cold Water.....	A. C. Davis....	L. A. Talbirt	Concord, N. C...	.50		2.00	2.00	2.00			1.00		57.50
Concord.....	J. O. Alderman.	J. M. Calloway...	Concord, N. C...	1.50		15.00	26.63	12.20	9.70	$14.30	5.00	218.85	941.28
Chaney's Hill...	No Letter												
Hopewell.....	W. J. Wyatt....	W. A. Honeycutt.	Davidson, N, C.	1.00		1.00	2.00	2.09		1.00			87.00
Howell's.....		D. W. Garmon....	Furrs, N. C.....			2.50	2.50						5.00
Ind Hill.....	D. W. Thomason	J. R. McCurdy....	East Field, N. C	1.50		5.00	5.00	7.00	5.00	5.30	2.00		136.70
Matthews.....	J. B. Richardson	T. J. Renfrow	Matthews, N. C.	2.00	225.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		6.70			448.70
Olivet.....	L. R. Pruitt.....	T. S. Franklin....	Charlotte, N. C..	1.90	100.00	20.24	10.00		20.55				1,060.69
Wilson's Grove..	J. J. Paysuer...	W. H. Mullis.....	Hoods, N. C.....	.80		1.00	1.00		1.00				3.80
Oak Grove	W. T. Talbirt...	J. Bradshaw.....	Concord, N. C ..	.50		1.00	1.00						34.50
Long Creek	J. J. Paysuer...	W. M. Sanford....	Paw Creek, N. C	.75		5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00		118.25
Pine Hill.....													
Friendship.....	J. J. Paysuer...	Ural Mitchell.....	Todd, N. C. ..	.75		2 00	1.00		2.00	1.00			6.75
				$15.15	$328.00	$138.74	$ 260.13	$138.70	$258.25	$28.30	$34.00	$651.85	$6,465.62

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Expenses.	Contributions.	Volumes in Library.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	Orphanage.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.
Arlington	F. M. Hinson	Arlington, N. C	5	40	$ 5.00	$ 5 00		50			
Tryon Street	I. W. Durham,	Charlotte, N. C	29	250	210.55	367.50	130	325	$ 65.00	$ 50.00	
Clear Creek	H. W. Pigg	Clear Creek, N. C	10	74	3.27	3.27		129			
Cold Water	J. T. Barnhardt	Concord, N. C.	5	15							
Cincord	Braxton McLester	Concord, N. C	12	120	25.00	31 27		120	4.50	13.77	$ 13.00
Chaney's Hill	No School										
Hopewell	Sunday School nine months	of the year—no statistics.									
Howell's	D. W. Garmon	Furrs, N. C	6	50	.50	.50					
Ind Hill	C. J. Black	Croft, N. C	6	50	11.15	11.15		60			
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow	Matthews, N. C	11	90	16 00	16.00		125			
Olivet	T. S. Franklin.	Charlotte, N. C	8	83	150.00	150.00		150			
Wilson's Grove	W. H. Mullis	Hoods, N. C	6	25	2.80						
Oak Grove	No School										
Long Creek	L. N. Todd	Paw Creek, N. C.	5	36	4.66			40			
Pine Hill	No School										
Friendship	No School										
			104	833	$ 428.93	$ 584.69	130	999	$ 69.50	$ 63.77	$ 13.00

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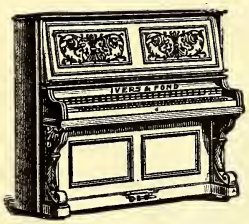
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PROCEEDINGS.

MATTHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH,
MATTHEWS, N. C., Oct. 15, 1896.

The Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Baptist Association met in its eleventh annual session with the above church. Our beloved and lamented moderator, Dr. Pritchard, having been called to his reward since our last meeting, on motion brother L. R. Pruett was elected moderator pro tem., who opened the association with devotional exercises.

The roll of churches was called and the following delegates found present:

Arlington—J. H. Hough, E. H. Williams, Ellis Bass.
Tryon Street—S. G. Cate, L. C. Herndon, I. W. Durham.
Clear Creek—L. A. Ferguson, T. W. Bass, H. W. Pigg.
Cold Water—J. W. Connell, L. M. Fisher.
Concord—Rev. J. J. Payseur, A. W. Morgan. W. J. Black, J. D. McLester.
Chaney's Hill—T. G. Faulk.
Hopewell—F. A. Hawkins, T. A. Jones.
Howell's—H. T. Stowe, E. T. Howell, W. A. McCurdy.
Independence Hill—Elder J. C. Black, C. S. Davis.
Matthews—E. J. Funderburk, Dr. H. V. Massey, S. C. Newell.
Olivet—C. S. Holton, J. R. Hankins.
Wilson Grove—
Oak Grove—
Long Creek—W. M. Sanford, W. A. Fite.
Pine Hill—
Friendship—J. T. Mitchel, T. J. King, D. S. Mitchel.
Twelfth Street—S. H. Hasty, L. Bailey, W. M. Lyles, L. R. Pruett.
Phaniels—Z. W. Roseman, J. C. Denny, J. B. Yost.
Rock Hill—H. L. Helms, A. D. Crisco.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Elder L. R. Pruett, moderator; I. W. Durham, clerk, and Elder J. R. Hankins, treasurer.

Twelfth St., Charlotte, Rock Hill and Phaniels Baptist churches sent letters and applied for admission into this association. After satisfactory statements from delegates from these new churches, each one was admitteed to membership in this association.

Chair appointed the following committees: On Religious Exercises, Pastor and deacons of this church. On Order of Business, Elder J. R. Hankins, J. T. Mitchel and T. A. Newell.

Rev, C. W. Blanchard, of the Raleigh association, representing Wake Forest College, and brother J. W. Cobb, of the North Carolina Baptist, were welcomed by the chair to the privileges of the association.

Adjourned until 2:00 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened by singing "Nearer my God to thee."

Committee on order of business made partial report as follows: That report on Ministers' Relief Board, and Sunday Schools be heard this p. m. Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF BOARD.

The Board now has in its care 58 persons; these are the families of aged ministers who have given their life to the gospel ministry. The meagre support given them amounts to $18.86 per year; the question is, shall we turn our backs upon these, or shall we in honor of Christ help to feed them? Should we do the former, how shall we meet our Lord and Saviour? J. B. RICHARDSON.

Ably discussed by elders J. B. Richardson and C. W. Blanchard. Pledges were then taken, and report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath school is one of the greatest institutions that could have been organized to train the young minds into a higher sphere of life; it does not only train the children to love each other, but trains them to love Jesus Christ, and all parents who fail to take their children to Sabbath school will fail to do their duty as Christian parents. They ought not say to the children, "go to Sudday school," but "come, let us go to Sunday school. A. N. HINSON.

Discussed by elder J. B. Richardson, urging the importance of church members taking active part in this important work. Also by elder J. C. Denny, contending for the teaching of the word of God in the Sabbath school. Also by brother J. W. Cobb, emphasizing the importance of personal effort for the salvation of the pupils in the Sabbath school. Also by elder W. J. Wyatt, advocating consistent Christian living and activity in this work. Also by elder J. J. Payseur, plan to enlist all the church members in the work. By elder C. W. Blanchard, the Sabbath school being the means of his conversion. By elder W. M. Johnson. Report was adopted.

On motion of elder J. B. Richardson, the churches are requested to report in future the number of church members belonging to the Sabbath schools.

Chair appointed the following Finance Committee: J. T. Mitchell, C. S. Davis, A. W. Morgan.

Report of committee on Order of Business was read and adopted.

Adjourned until to-morrow 10:00 a. m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Opened with devotional exercises, conducted by brother J. W. Cobb. The chair appointed the following to report on the different objects at next meeting: C. J. Black, Periodicals; Dr. A. C. Barron, Foreign Missions; Elder J. R. Hankins, Home Missions; Elder J. J. Payseur, Orphanage; Elder J. B. Richardson, State Missions; Elder A. W. Crabtree, Education; Elder W. J. Wyatt, Sabbath Schools; Elder A. N. Hinson, Ministers Relief Board.

Chair recognized brother Baily of the *Recorder,* and brother J. L. Bennett of Union Association.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

One of the greatest helps to Christian work is religious literature. No life can attain to any great measure of success without reading. As churches, we should see that the *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of the North Carolina Baptists, be widely circulated among us. Also that such as the *N. C. Baptist, Charity and Children,* Foreign Mission, Home Mission, and Sabbath-school journals be taken as much as possible. Without such literature we are open to great spiritual dearth, and much failure in our Christian progress as a people. J. B. RICHARDSON.

Discussed by J. J. Payseur, A. W. Crabtree, J. W. Cobb, brother Baily, and J. T. Burris. Adopted.

Chair recognized brothers Stowe and J. T. Burris, and accorded to them the privileges of the association.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Never in the history of the State were its people so thoroughly awake to the demands of education. Especially is this true as to the claims of *Christian education* among the Baptists of the State. While the denominational colleges of the State, through their agencies, have furnished the stimulus for the development of both higher and lower education, we deplore conditions that have made State colleges antagonistic to the life of Christian schools by reason of State appropriations. State appropriation for the luxuries of education is not only antagonistic to independent schools, but

not necessary, and wrong in principle, and therefore to be resisted by all lovers of justice.

Wake Forest College is the property of the Baptists of North Carolina. Its curriculum and moral stamina, with its history of usefulness and efficiency in the past, appeal to every loyal Baptist in the State for his moral support and patronage.

Associational High Schools.—The exigencies of the times demand it, and we believe it to be wise for each association, as far as possible, to establish and foster a High School, to be controled by a committee or board of trustees, elected by the association in session.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.—We commend this as the proper institution for our young ministers to attend when they have taken a course at Wake Forest College.

Ministerial Education.—No more worthy appeal comes to our people than to use the Lord's money to assist in the education of His worthy poor ministers. We can advance the Master's kingdom in no way faster than to educate and send forth men called of God to preach His gospel. About 25 young men are now aided by the Board of Education at Wake Forest, but as many more equally worthy and needy are refused aid for lack of means. Let the brethren ponder the needs of this Board just now. C. W. BLANCHARD.

Report was spoken to by C. W. Blanchard making a strong plea for Christian education and against State aid. Also for associational schools. And by L. R. Pruett, urging the importance of associational schools, and commending the Bible department of Wake Forest Also by W. M. Johnson and elder J. B. Richardson, insisting on the education of the masses and against State aid and for associational schools, and showing the wisdom of other denominations in going forward in this matter. Also by brother J. E. White, pleading earnestly for an educated ministry. Also by J. J. Payseur and J. R. Hankins.

Report was adopted. Adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened by singing "There is a fountain filled with blood.',

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Since you last met our Heavenly Father has seen fit to remove from our midst, one who was a leader in your deliberations and discussions, and one whom you sorely miss and whose place cannot be filled. But God knew best, and the beloved THOS. H. PRITCHARD now stands around the throne of God singing hallelujas with the angels. One year ago he met with you and joined in your devotions, and little did you

think then he would be called to his reward before you met again. But his last work has been done, his last sermon preached, and he is waiting over yonder for us to come.

Remembering the good he has done and conscious of the influence which his consecrated life has exerted and is still exerting over the people of this State and this immediate section, let us press on and strive to accomplish the things for which he labored so long and planned so well.

I trust you will pardon me for this slight digression from the subject in hand, but I felt that I could not make a report on the institution which he loved so well without saying a few words in memory of him, and I know you all agree with me. When I think of the one I think of the other, for Dr. Pritchard spoke so often of the orphanage and its grand and glorious work, in the short time that I knew him, and his zeal and interest inspired a like interest in me for the work of this home of the fatherless and motherless, although I have never seen the place nor met any of its officers.

So far as I know, the same officers are in charge of the work as last year. Brother Boone has proven to be the right man in the right place, as evidenced by the work which he has done. They are somewhat in debt yet, and need help now. Brother Boone writes that the new central building is going up slowly, and more money is needed to complete it. He says, "there is not enough money subscribed to finish the building and furnish it by $1,000. The work could be completed by Christmas. The health of the children is very good. There has been a gratifying increase in the current fund within the last few days, and we hope our brethren will not forget the needy orphans. We have a very efficient corps of teachers and matrons, and the work of the orphanage is doing well. There are 140 children in the orphanage now, and a number of applications have been filed, but there is not room for any more. So you see the urgent need of the central building, and the necessity for us to go to work and raise money to help finish the building. Pastors and Sabbath school superintendents, place this matter before your congregations and schools. There are five matrons and five teachers in charge of the children, and these consecrated women need our help and our prayers, or else they will be forced to abandon this God-given work. S. G. Cate.

Discussed by elder J. B. Richardson, showing the needs of the work—140 fatherless and motherless ones to be fed and clothed; also by brother J. E. White in a strong and touching appeal for the little ones; and by J. J. Payseur, W. J. Wyatt and L. R. Pruett.

Pledges were taken, and a cash collection raised amounting to $13.00. Report adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work in our State is the foundation of all the work of our denomination. It is the feeder which will enable every other enterprise we have projected to keep pace with the demands which new years and new fields make upon us. The number of missionaries at work in the State is 98, only three more than last year; they have preached to 450 congregations and baptized 770 persons up to August 1st. The last convention authorized the board to spend $15,000, and only $5,200 has been received, leaving a balance of $9,800 still to be raised. Owing to a change in the time of meeting of the convention, the year is only eleven months this time; the call is therefore imperative that we do something at once for the relief of this board. To this end resolved, that every church represented in this association take a special collection for State Missions during the next four weeks.

J. R. HANKINS.

Strong addresses were made by J. R. Hankins, and J. E. White, showing that Foreign Missions as well as our denominational institutions depend largely, almost entirely, on the success of State Missions, and that 90 per cent of the Baptist churches in North Carolina in towns and cities were established through the State Mission Board; showing that the Baptist are the only people that have no authority except Christ and the word of God.

Collection of $9.02 was taken for this object, and pledges taken for next year. Report adopted.

NIGHT SESSION.

Met at 7 o'clock, opened by singing, and prayer by elder D. W. Thomason.

The report on education was further discussed by brothers Baily, White, and others, for the Baptist Female College and for Christian education. Elder J. B. Richardson moved that the moderator appoint a committee of seven to make arrangements for the establishment of an Associational school.

Motion carried, and moderator asked for time to appoint the committee, and was given until to-morrow a. m.

J. R. Hankins offered the following resolution:

That this association go on record as opposed to the present system of State aid to higher education. Carried.

On motion, adjourned.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9:30 devotional exercises by elder D. W. Thomason.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Never was the work of the Home Mission Board more im-

portant than now. The world's conversion very largely depends on this country for men and means, and so necessitates the evangelization of our own country. One of the greatest difficulties in our work is that people do not realize the great needs of the field. We beg that our churches study this great field of our work and pray that God will enlarge our sympathy for home missions. J. J. PAYSEUR.

Ably discussed by brother Baily, showing the needs of the work, and that the religion of the New Testament as Baptists hold it, is a religion of freedom. Also by elder A. L. Stowe, on the importance on evangelizing the flood of foreign Catholic emigrants that are pouring into this country, and of counteracting the false religion of the Catholic church. And by elder J. R. Hankins, showing this to be the fundamental work of our denomination; the Foreign Mission work depending on the work done at home; Diaz being driven from Cuba by Catholic influence; showing that we owe a debt to the colored people, viz.: the gospel. And by elder D. W. Thomason, showing the desecration of the Sabbath day at our doors by a people that make great pretentions to piety, viz.: the Catholics. Also by H. L. Helms.

Pledges made, and report adopted.

Chair appointed the following committee on Associational School: W. M. Lyles, J. R. Haknins, G. C. Funderburk, J. A. Durham, J. J. Payseur, C. S. Davis, and L. R. Pruett.

Committee on time and place of next meeting submitted a report, recommending Hopewell Church as the place, and Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1897, as the time, and elder L. R. Pruett to preach introductory sermon.

Amendment was offered changing time to Friday before third Sunday in October, 1897, and hold until Monday.

Report adopted as amended, Adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with singing. Report of Finance committee read and accepted. Chair appointed the following delegates to Baptist State Convention: W. M. Lyles, W. M. Johnson, L. R. Pruett, and I. W. Durham. The Chair appointed elder L. R. Pruett delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and elder J. B. Richardson alternate.

The committee appointed at last meeting of the association on Associational School, reported that they had selected Metthews as the most suitable place for said school.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work of the Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., is to give the gospel to the nations of the earth. This is a wonderful and far-reaching mission. The giving of

the gospel *to the world* is the greatest and most important enterprise *in the world*. This is also the work of the churches, co-operating with the board. Co-operative effort on the part of the churches, mission societies, and the individual Christian, is the burning need of the day. The disciples had power on the day of Pentecost because they were of one accord, in one place. Paul essayed to go into Bithynia to preach the gospel of the Lord, but the spirit suffered him not and showed him a vision, a man of Macedonia appeared to him, saying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." To Paul this was a strange messenger from a foreign land, and it was a call to foreign mission work. This Macedonia cry is the winged message from the heathen lands to the churches of this country and of this association. Looking on the field which is already white unto harvest, we see China with 407,000,000, the Islands of the Pacific with 10,000,000, Burman with 15,000,000, dark Africa with 200,000,000, South America with 34,000,000, Mexico with her thousands; all saying, "Come over and help us." All these nations offer wide opened doors for missionary effort. The Christian world, especially the Baptists, never had such golden opportunities for mission work, both at home and abroad.

Let us go forward under the marching command of our Lord and save the world with the progressive spirit of missions, for "the law of progress is the law of life."

L. R. PRUETT.

Discussed by elder L. R. Pruett and brother J. T. Burris, and by brother J. N. Tolor of the work in Asia Minor among the Mahomedans, paying a splendid tribute to Gladstone, insisting on unfaltering faith in our God. Also by brother Baily, showing the history and progress of Baptist missions in all ages. Report adopted.

On motion of J. R. Hankins, elders A. C. Barron and J. B. Richardson were appointed to preach missionary sermons on Sunday at next meeting of the association.

The following resolution was read and adopted.

Resolved, That this association express its thanks to the members of the Matthews Church and their friends for the hospitable entertainment which we have received during this meeting of our body.

On motion adjourned to meet at Hopewell Baptist Church on Friday before the third Sunday in October 1897.

Elder L. R. PRUETT, Moderator.

I. W. DURHAM, Clerk,

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.	PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR. Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.
Arlington	$ 3.00	$ 2.00	$ 3.00	$ 1 00	$ 5.47		$ 5.00	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	$ 2.00	$ 5.00	$ 3.00
Tryon Street	148.80	50.00	348.75	75.00	30 00	$ 25.00	75.00	50.00	80.00	75.00	25.00	25.00
Clear Creek	2.00	2.00	2.00				3.00	3.00	3.00		2.00	2.00
Cold Water	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	2.50	1 00	3.00	1.00
Concord	11 59	17.55	22.98	10.00	30.15	5.00	10.00	12.00	25.00	10.00	36.00	10.00
Chaney's Hill		1.00	.40				1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		
Hopewell	2.00	2 00	3.00		2.00	.55	2.50	2.50	3.00	2.00	3.00	3.00
Howell's	1.00	2.50	2.50	1.00			1.50	2.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00
Ind. Hill	3.00	2.00	3.00	2.00		1.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	2.00
Matthews	5.68	5.00	10.66	2.00	5.56		7.00	7.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Olivet	6.00		46.00	17.75				10.00	25.00	25.00	5.00	5.00
Wilson Grove									1.50		1.00	
Oak Grove												
Long Creek		1.00	4.60		1.00			2 00	6.00		2.00	2.00
Pine Hill											1.00	
Friendship	2.00	2.00		2.00	.75		2.00	3.00	8.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Twelfth Street							3.00	5.00	5 00	5.00	5.00	2.50
Phaniel's	.50	.75	2.00	.50	.68			2.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Rock Hill	.50	.50	1.00					2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00
G. C. Funderburk.										5.00		
	$ 188.07	$ 90.30	$ 451 89	$ 113 25	$ 76 61	$ 32.55	$ 115 00	$ 112.50	$ 193.00	$ 142.00	$ 101.00	$ 68.50

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE	Sabbath Preached.	Baptisms,	Received by Letter,	Restored,	Dismissed by Letter,	Excluded,	Died,	Males	Females.	Total Membership.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor.
Arlington	C. J. Black	W. H. Hough	Arlington, N. C.	13	48	11	14	3	10		83	80	163	$ 37.00	$ 3.00	$ 5.00
Tryon Street	Dr. A. C. Barron	J. A. Durham	Charlotte, N. C.	52	2	38		30		3	162	252	414	1,800.00	500.00	84.15
Clear Creek	A. C. Davis	L. A. Ferguson	Brief. N. C.	13	9	1	6	5	1		40	51	91	75.00		3.03
Cold Water	A. C. Davis	L. A. Tolbirt	Concord, N. C.	13				2	1		26	30	56			
Concord	J. J. Payseur	J. M. Calloway	Concord, N. C.	13	15	43	3	9	2	3	58	112	170	600.00	24.44	19.70
Chaney's Hill	W. T. Talbirt		Concord, N. C.	13				8	4		15	35	50	20.00		
Hopewell	W. J. Wyatt	W. A. Honeycutt	Mooresville, N. C.	26	14	10		4		1	48	62	110	130.00		
Howell's	J. W. Snyder	D. W. Garmon	Furr's, N. C.	13	4	6				1	17	44	61			
Ind. Hill	J. R. Hankins	J. R. McCurdy	Eastfield, N. C.	26				19	4		23	42	65	75.00	8.50	
Matthews	J. B. Richardson	T. J. Renfrow	Matthews, N. C.	13	17	2	3	4	3	3	55	78	133	185.00		
Olivet	J. R. Hankins	T. S. Franklin	Charlotte, N. C.	52	15	22		24	1	3	68	110	178	650.00	150.00	
Wilson Grove	No letter															
Oak Grove	No letter															
Long Creek	J. J. Payseur	M. W. Sanford	Paw Creek, N. C.	13	5	5				1	24	27	51	100.00	22.20	
Pine Hill	No letter															
Friendship	J. J. Payseur	J. T. Mitchell	Lodo, N. C.	13	4			2		1	15	21	35	74.00	1.20	
Twelfth Street	L. R. Pruett	W. M. Lyles	Charlotte, N. C.	13	4	50					18	36	54		5.40	5.50
Phaniel's	J. J. Payseur	J. M. Funderburk	Rimer, N. C.	13	24	11					13	22	35			
Rock Hill	A. N. Hinson	A. D. Crisco	Concord, N, C	13	5	10	1				8	8	16	30.00	1.75	
														$ 3,776.00	$ 716.49	$ 117.38

STATISTICAL TABLE---Concluded.

CHURCHES	PASTOR.	CLERK	POST OFFICE	Minutes.	Repairs.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.	Other Objects.	Total.
Arlington	C. J. Black	W. H. Hough	Arlington, N.C.	$ 1.02		$ 3.00	$ 3.00	$ 2.00	$ 1.00	$ 5 47			$ 60.49
Tryon Street	Dr. A. C. Barron	J. A. Durham	Charlotte, N.C.	2.50	$ 277.50	348.75	148.80	50.00	75.00	30.00	$25.00	70.00	3511.70
Clear Creek	A. C. Davis	L. A. Ferguson	Brief, N. C.		300.50	2.00	2.00	2.00					384 53
Cold Water	A. C. Davis	L. A. Tolbirt	Concord, N.C			2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00		10.00
Concord	J. J. Payseur	J. M. Calloway	Concord, N.C.	2.10	10.00	22.98	11.59	17.55	10.00	30.15	5.00	459.90	1313.41
Chaney's Hill	W. T. Talbirt		Concord, N.C.	1.00		.40		1.00					22.40
Hopewell	W. J. Wyatt	W. A. Honeycutt	Mooresv'e, N.C	1.00		3.00	2.00	2.00		2.00	.55		140.55
Howell's	J. W. Snyder	D. W. Garmon	Furr's, N.C.	1.00		2.50	1.00	2.50	1.00				8.00
Ind. Hill	J. R. Hankins	J. R. McCurdy	Eastfield, N.C.	1.00		3.00	3.00	2.00	2.00		1.00		95.50
Matthews	J. B. Richardson	T. J. Renfrow	Matthews, N.C.	2.10	397.00	10.66	5.68	5.00	2.00	5.56		27.00	640.00
Olivet	J. R. Hankins	T.S. Franklin	Charlotte, N.C.	2.60		46.00	6.00		17.75				872.35
Wilson Grove	No letter												
Oak Grove	No letter												
Long Creek	J. J. Payseur	M. W Sanford	Paw Creek, NC	1.50	.75	4.60		1.00		1.00			131.05
Pine Hill	No letter												
Friendship	J. J. Payseur	J. T Mitchell	Lodo, N.C.	.70			2.00	2.00	2.00	.75		132.60	215.25
Twelfth Street	L. R. Pruett	W. M. Lyles	Charlotte, N.C.	.50								9.50	20.90
Phaniel's	J. J. Payseur	J. M. Funderburk	Rimer, N.C.	1.05		2.00	50	.75	.50	.68		3.00	8.48
Rock Hill	A. N. Hinson	A. D. Crisco	Concord, N.C.	.50		1.00	.50	.50					34.25
				$18.57	$ 985.75	$ 451.89	$ 188.07	$90.30	$ 113.25	$76.61	$32.55	$ 702.00	$ 7,368.86

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS	POST OFFICE	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Expenses.	Contributions.	Volumes in Library.	Quarterlies and Papers taken.	Orphanage.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.
Arlington	F. M. Hinson	Arlington, N. C.	4	50	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	20	50				
Tryon Street	I. W. Durham	Charlotte, N. C.	24	255	210.21	695.26	250	305	$ 85.00			$200.00
Clear Creek	H. W. Pigg	Clear Creek, N. C.	8	45	1.25	1.25		159				
Cold Water	J. D. Smith	Concord, N. C.	5	35	2.00	2.00		50				
Concord	G. P. Hartsell	Concord, N. C.	15	150	38.69	38.69		303	26.15	$5.35	$5.35	
Chaney's Hill	No school.											
Hopewell	A. W. Wilcox	Huntersville, N. C.	7	40	5.00	5.00		36				
Howell's	A. L. Howell	Furris, N. C.	5	75	2.00	2.00						
Ind. Hill	J. L. Cashion	Croft, N. C.	5	25	4.75	4.75		45		.50	.50	
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow	Matthews, N. C.	10	107	16.00	16.00		140				
Olivet	T. S. Franklin,	Charlotte, N. C.	10	80	200.00	200.00		150				
Wilson Grove	No letter.											
Oak Grove	No letter.											
Long Creek	M. W. Sanford	Paw Creek, N. C.	5	30	2.50			50				
Pine Hill	No letter.											
Friendship	R. J. Mitchell	Lodo, N. C.	6	30				45				2.50
Twelfth Street	W. M. Lyles	Charlotte, N. C.	16	225	160.34	165.99		310				
Phaniel's	Manly Yost		6	50								
Rock Hill	No school.											
			126	1197	$647.74	$1,135.94	270	1703	$111.15	$5.85	$5.85	$202.50

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PROCEEDINGS.

First Day.—MORNING SESSION.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE, N. C,

Friday, Oct. 15, 1897.

The Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Baptist Association convened in its Twelfth Annual Session with Hopewell Baptist church, Oct 15, 1897. The Moderator called the Association to order and at his request Rev. John E White conducted devotional exercises, reading the 91st Psalm and leading in prayer The Introductory sermon was postponed until 7 o'clock at night Rev. C E Gower, of the King's Mountain Association, was made clerk pro tem. and Rev. J E White and Rev E. F. Tatum, of China, were asked to serve as reading clerks.

Churches and delegates were enrolled as follows:

Arlington—E H. Hinson, E. H. Williams, Wm. Connell.

Chaney's Hill—

Clear Creek—W T Helms. T. W. Bass.

Cold Water—T V Talbirt, J W Connell.

Concord—Wm. Corrine, Braxton McLester, L L. Starratte.

Friendship—J. T. Mitchell, R. M Walker.

Hopewell—H. D. Winecoff, Charley Hudgpeth, T. A. Jones.

Howell's—T. D. Joyner, W. S. Polk, L. T. Post.

Independence Hill—J R McCurdy, C. S. Davis, J. L. Cashion.

Long Creek—M. W Sanford, L N. Todd, L. L. Grass.

Matthews—T. J Renfrow, J. N Tolar

Mt Pleasant—Hugh Long, H. T. Johnson.

Olivet—C. S. Holton.

Phaniels—J. M. Funderburk, C. W. Probst, D. L. Eddleman.

Pine Hill—

Pleasant Plain—New Church.

Rock Hill—A. D Crisco, H L. Helms, J. C. Crisco.

Twelfth Street—L. R Pruett, L. Bailey, E. T. Crump, R. R. Black.

Tryon Street—Dr. A C. Barron, J. A. Durham, R. H. Jordan.

Wilson Grove—J. T Griffin, T. A. Griffin, A. L. Pigg.

Election of officers resulted in the election of Rev L R. Pruett, moderator; Hugh Long, clerk, and C. S. Holton, Treasurer.

Mount Pleasant Baptist church made application for admission into the Association and the application was referred to a committee composed of E. H. Hinson, J. T. Mitchell and C. S. Davis.

The Moderator recognized Rev. J. E. White, corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, Rev. C. E Gower, of the King's Mt. Association, and Rev. E. F. Tatum, missionary to China. Brother White stated that he represented the Biblical Recorder, the price of which had been reduced to $1 50 to meet the hard times and that he would be glad to receive subscriptions Bro. Tatum stated that he was ready to take subscriptions to the Foreign Mission Journal Brother Gower stated that he would represent the Recorder and N. C. Baptist after Brother White left.

Rev. J. J. Payseur suggests that we get through with the business of the Association on Sunday instead of Monday. Remarks by C. S. Hoiton and the Moderator. motion carried.

In the absence of Dr. J B. Richardson, the appointee of last Association, Rev J. E. White was asked to make a report on State Missions.

In the absence of Rev. C J. Black, the appointee of last Association. Rev. J. J. Payseur was requested to make a report on Periodicals.

Churches were asked to report and was responded to by Matthews. On motion of Rev. J. J. Payseur the Association adjourned until 1 :30 p. m

Benediction by Rev. E. F. Tatum.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the Association to order at 1 :30 p. m. and Rev J, N. Tolar led in prayer.

The committee appointed to consider the application of Mt. Pleasant church report recommending the new church to membership in the Association The report is adopted and the right hand of fellowship extended to the Delegate.

The Moderator called for the report of churches and was responded to by Concord, Cold Water, Long Creek and Phaniels.

Pleasant Plain Baptist church presented a letter by T. J. Renfrow at the request of the Delegates from the Union Baptist Association asking admission into this Association. After some statements by Rev. J. E. White the church was received into this body.

The Moderator announced the following committees: On religious exercises; Pastor and Deacons of Hopewell church. On Finance: J. R. McCurdy, E. H. Williams, J. L. Cashion,

On Time and Place: T. J. Renfrow, R. R. Black, Braxton McLester.

The letter from Clear Creek church was presented and read.

The report on State Missions was called for and was read by Rev. J. E. White as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSION.

'The State Mission work in the bounds of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association has been greatly blessed in the past three years. Five new churches have been organized and much headway made in establishing Baptist principles in hostile territory. God is likewise blessing the labour of our other State missionaries throughout the State. Up to Aug. 1st. over 1,000 conversions were reported and 69 new Sunday Schools organized on mission fields. We have 90 missionaries at work in 45 counties preaching the Gospel at about 400 destitute points. The call is constantly coming from new fields for help. There are more unsaved men and women in North Carolina today than ever before in the State's history. The startling fact confronts us that there are in North Carolina over one million people out of Christ.

As Baptists we have a great responsibility. We cannot avoid it We cannot escape from it We must meet it as becomes soldiers of the cross, bravely and with the determination to plant the standard of Christ, and establish New Testament churches in the reach of every man woman and child in our beloved State To do this we must expect to make sacrifices. The churches in this Association are most of them not strong, but each church should and could do more than last year JNO E. WHITE.

The report was ably discussed by Rev. J. E White, showing the Bible teaching and necessity of the division of missions into State, Home, and Foreign, also how greatly missions have aided in building up the Baptist faith in North Carolina and the great destitution that still exists in the State. A cash collection was taken for State Missions amounting to $8.73. The report was adopted and pledges taken. The discussion was closed by Rev. E F Tatum.

The Moderator called for the report on Periodicals and it was read by Rev. J. J. Payseur and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We have in North Carolina some of the best literature in the world The Biblical Recorder is the best church paper I know of at all; and it gives the State and general news on all important subjects.

The Editor—Bro J. W. Bailey has proven himself to be a strong man. His editorials on education alone are worth ten times the cost of the paper. It is now reduced in price to $1 50 a year. All Baptists ought to read the Foreign Mission Journal, the Recorder, the North Carolina Baptist, and Charity and Children.

The reason so many of our people are not in sympathy with our work for our Master is they know so little about it. The many earnest appeals made by our brethren never reach thousands of our people Our children are going to read something, lets give them something good to read.

Let every pastor earnestly impress this matter upon their brethren. The families that read our papers and keep up with the work are the ones who freely contribute to the calls of our Lord and Master. Respectfully Submitted,

J. J. PAYSEUR.

The subject was discussed by Rev. J. J. Payseur, Rev. J. E. White, Rev C. E. Gower, T. J. Renfrow and Rev. E. F. Tatum.

Here the Association deviated from the regular course of business and went into the discussion of Union Meetings, participated in by Rev J. E. White C. S. Holton, Rev. J. J. Payseur and the Moderator.

C. S Holton was elected Treasurer of the Association, and R H. Jordan was elected Associational Member of the Board of Missions

The Moderator requested brethren to make reports tomorrow on subjects as follows: Home Missions, T. J. Renfrow; Education, Rev. J N. Tolar; Sabbath School, A W. Wilcox.

It was announced that Rev L R. Pruett would preach the Introductory Sermon at 7 o'clock at night.

On motion the Association adjourned. Prayer by Rev. A. N. Hinson.

NIGHT SESSION.

After several songs had been sung Rev. L. R Pruett read for the evening lesson the 1st. Chapter of John and preached a good soul-stirring sermon taking his text from the 12th. Chap. and 3d verse of Daniel. Rev E F. Tatum lead in prayer. The congregation sang: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." The Association adjourned till 10 a. m tomorrow, Benediction by Rev L. R. Pruett.

Second Day.—MORNING SESSION.

Saturday, Oct. 16.

Association met at 10 a. m. for devotional exercises conducted by Bro. R. A. Christenbury, reading and commenting on

the 22nd. chapter of Matthew. The exercises were closed with prayer by Bro. T. J. Renfrow.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator and the proceedings of yesterday were read by the clerk and approved.

The report on Home Missions was called for and read by T. J. Renfrow and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This department of our work embraces all the territory included in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. This is a very important part of our work from the fact that it has to do with so many different fields and also very dissimilar people. This Board undertakes to give divine instruction in destitute sections in all the Southern States embraced by this convention. The Indian Territory is included under this feature of our work. The whole colored population of the South is an open field for gospel instruction.

To this work our Home Board gives attention. And then comes the perplexing task of giving the truth, as we believe it, to the foreign population in our bounds. This is important, slow and hard work. This work also appeals to our Home Board.

The work in Cuba is also under the Home Mission Board. This report does not undertake to discuss the needs of these various and dissimilar fields and peoples, but simply presents them for prayerful consideration. Our Board has done much work on these fields during the past year. The Lord has honored the work. The Board is greatly in need of funds to continue their work. Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

The report was discussed by brethren T. J. Renfrow, C. E. Gower, J. J. Payseur and H. L. Helms. Report was adopted dges were taken.

Dr. A. C. Barron made the following:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Baptists of all people ought to be deeply concerned about Foreign Missions. Loyalty to the captain of their salvation would lead them to carry out his marching order to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Just as long as there are creatures who have not been evangelized, we must "go preach" and "go teach," whether those creatures are to be found in our own land or in foreign lands. Then, too, God has been pleased to identify us most closely with this foreign mission movement. The first great modern missionary, Wm. Carey, was a Baptist preacher. The first society organized to support this cause was formed in the kitchen of a Baptist

widow woman The first subscription list bore the names of 13 humble Baptists It was at a Baptist Association, the Northamptonshire of England, that there was sounded a trumpet peal that aroused the Christ ans of Great Britain to give the gospel to the heathen.

In this country. God gave us Adoniram Judson and Luther Rice to link us forever to this great modern movement. From the inception of the Southern Baptist convention foreign missions have claimed the sympathy and support of our people. A large share of the contribution of our churches have gone to the support of workers in foreign lands, and God has greatly honored our sacrifices by giving us many converts from the darkness of heathenism.

The Foreign Mission Board, the channel through which our gifts flow to the foreign fields, is located in Richmond, Virginia, and has Dr. R J. Willinghan as Secretary. The Board employes about 100 missionaries who work in the four quarters of the world—Europe, Asia, Africa and America. From these workers come the most encouraging tidings of success in preaching the Word and winning souls for Jesus.

Our European mission is confined to Italy, with headquarters in Rome, Dr. Geo B Taylor, superintendent. Dr. John H. Eager, his co-labourer, is in this country now, but expects to return soon to Italy. In the meantime a very able force of native workers press the work.

In Asia we have missionaries in the great empire of China and its smaller neighbor Japan. God is moving in a marvelous way in both these countries, breaking down prejudice and preparing the people for the acceptance of the gospel.

The African mission has cost the lives of many of our most faithful workers, through its unhealthy climate and terrible fevers, still the work moves on. The colored people of this country are taking more interest in the evangelization of the land of their fathers and it is hoped ere long will assume all the responsibility of this work.

In America we have laborers in Brazil and Mexico, our sister republics Every mail almost brings us cheering tidings from these countries, showing how God is blessing the little we are doing for these great countries We beg to suggest to our members that they take and read the Foreign Mission Journal, the organ of the Board, and thus keep posted on the progress of the cause. Reading Baptists are sure to be giving Baptists. We also think it would be advisable to have in every church a representative of the Foreign Mission Board. Some member charged with the responsibility of looking after collections for the cause of Foreign Missions, who could also secure subscriptions for the Journal. Such an agent

would be quite a help to the pastors as well as the Board.

Respectfully,
A. C. BARRON, Chm.

Discussions by Dr Barron and Bro Tatum. Report adopted Dr. Williams of Davidson College, and Bro. Arch Johnson, of Charity and Children were recognized by the Chair.

The congregation sang "Stand Up For Jesus" after which the roll of churches was called and pledges taken for Foreign Missions.

The following persons were appointed to represent Foreign Missions in their churches: Arlington, F. M. Hinson, Arlington; Tryon Street. W. F Dowd, Charlotte; Clear Creek, W. T. Helms, Clear Creek; Cold Water, L. A. Talbirt, Concord; Concord, Baxter McLester, Concord; Hopewell, Thos. B. White, Caldwell; Howell's, G. W Garmon, Furr's; Independence Hill, Miss Sue Wiley, Croft; Matthews, W. M. Johnson, Matthews; Wilson Grove, John Griffin, Mint Hill; Long Creek, L. N Todd, Paw Creek; Friendship, Mrs. Lizzie Price, Lodo; Twelfth Street, W. E. Polk, Charlotte; Phaniels, C. W Probst, Yost; Rock Hill, Hall Taylor, Concord: Mt. Pleasant, Miss Lillie Long, Mt. Pleasant.

The Moderator announced the following topics with writers to report at the next session of the Association:

State Missions, J. J. Payseur.
Home Missions, A. C Barron.
Foreign Missions, J. N Tolar.
Education, T. J Renfrow.
Orphanage, A N. Hinson.
Sunday Schools, Hugh Long.
Minister's Relief Board, W. J. Wyatt.

Associotion adjourned until 1 30 p. m. Benediction by Dr. Barron

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The business of the Association was preceded by singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul." The Moderator called the Association to order and Rev. J. N. Tolar submitted the following.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

No part of our denominational work should appeal to us so strongly as Education. To it, perhaps more than to any other part, we owe our success as Baptists. Wake Forest College has done more for the promulgation of Baptist sentiment than any other factor at work among us. From it, as the great educational center of Baptist principles, have gone forth men into every avocation of life. Every part of the globe is feeling her influence today. God has wonderfully blessed our

beloved institution. During the darkness and gloom of the civil war and the days following His hand seemed to lead her onward and upward Her sons have always stood in the front rank, both in denominational and political life. The State has felt her power and is feeling it today. It is a question of only a few years at most before the principles enunciated by her able president will take North Carolina. We cannot too heartily recommend this institution to your love and pride

Special mention, too, should be made of the great host of Baptist High Schools throughout the State Both in feeding the college and in reaching the boys and girls otherwise not to be touched they are doing untold good. As loyal Baptists with the success of God's Kingdom at heart, we cannot afford not to give them our undivided support. We cannot too warmly commend to your sympathy and prayers our Female University, now in process of erection in Raleigh. It is hoped that its doors can be thrown open to the hundreds of Baptist girls in the State next fall. Its completion will make a grand stride forward. The good Wake Forest has done will be known only in eternity. Its future is bright enough to make every Baptist heart glow with enthusiasm. Side by side with her in all her work will stand the Female University. While we have a school for our boys second to none in the State, let us rally also to the support of the University and make it, as it evidently shall be, the leading female institution of N. C. and the South Let us not do things by halves Our schools are our hope. We can never succeed without them. They increase our responsibility to God, it is true, but we are responsible to Him for our neglect of them

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. TOLAR.

Discussion opened by an able speech by Prof. Tolar, and continued by Bro. Arch. Johnson, of the Orphanage Report adopted and pledges taken

The report on the Orphanage was called for and responded to by Rev. J. J. Payseur, as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

This has been the best year for our Orphanage in its history The central building was opened last June. We have 160 children here and they are comfortably situated so far as buildings are concerned. There has been during the past year twice as much money paid to the Orphanage as current expenses demanded, but over half of it was put into the Central Building. There is still a debt of $700 on the Central Building to bepaid in December. Rev. J. B. Boone, the manager

of the Orphanage, has shown beyond a doubt that he can run our orphanage successfully The love and interest that sister Boone has shown for the Orphanage has made for her a name that will live forever in our hearts.

Charity and Children will in the near future be improved very much but will remain the same in price. The Baptists of North Carolina should be very thankful to God for what their Orphanage is doing. Contributions are falling off some for the Orphanage in the last few months. Let us not allow that.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. J. PAYSEUR.

Discussion by Rev. J. J. Payseur, Bro. Arch. Johnson, representing the Orphanage, and Rev. C. E. Gower. Report adopted. A cash collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $12.75. The roll of churches was called and pledges taken.

In the absence of Rev. A. N. Hinson, the clerk read the following.

REPORT ON THE MINISTER'S RELIEF BOARD.

There are now on the Board a great many families of aged and infirm ministers who are dependent on the charity of our people for help. Shall we turn our backs on them? Those faithful servants of God have borne the burden and heat of the battle in their day, and now gone to their reward. They have spoken words of comfort to us in time past and though we cannot help those who have passed away, let us hold them sacred in our memories and help such as are in need.

Respectfully submitted,
A. N. HINSON.

After discussion by Dr. Barron, the report was adopted, and pledges were taken.

The committee on Time and Place made the following report :

We have received application from four churches for this Association to be held with them next year, as follows: Independence Hill, Cold Water, Clear Creek, and Howell's. After considering these invitations we recommend that the Association meet in its next session on Thursday before the third Sunday in October 1898 with Cold Water church and that Dr. A. C. Barron preach the Introductory sermon.

T. J. RENFROW, Chairman.

On motion of Dr Barron the time was changed to Wednesday, instead of Thursday. (see next page) The following Executive Board was appointed, A. C. Barron, L. R. Pruett, J. J. Payseur, J. T. Mitchell, J. A. Durham.

Dr. A C. Barron was elected a delegate to the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Rev. J. J. Payseur,

alternate.

The Finance Committee submitted their report and it was adopted.

Rev C. E Gower offered the following vote of thanks which was adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of the delegates and visitors are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and citizens of this community for their kindness and hospitality during this Association

It was decided to take a collection tomorrow for Foreign missions.

The committee on Religious Exercises made the following report: Tomorrow at 10 a m , Sunday School mass meeting, conducted by Rev. C. E Gower, Rev. L. R. Pruett to preach in the house and Rev. J. J Payseur at the stand at 11 a m

COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. J Payseur and C. S. Holton, a committee from last Union meeting reported and asked the pleasure of the Association as to the advisability of holding any more Union meetings. It was decided to have Union Meetings and on invitation of Bro. J. R. McCurdy the next Union meeting will be held the fifth Sunday in October with Independence Hill Baptist church A committee was appointed to arrange a program for this meeting

On motion of Bro. J R. McCurdy, the time and place for holding the next Association was reconsidered and the time and place was changed to Howell's Baptist church, Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1898

Association adjourned till 10 a m Sunday, the congregation singing "Long Metre Doxology," and Dr Barron leading in prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The Association met at 10 a. m. in Sunday School Mass meeting, conducted by Rev C. E. Gower. Speeches by brethren, Gower, Tatum and Long

On motion of Bro Hugh Long each church in the Association was asked to take a collection for the benefit of Rev A C. Davis, who has done a large amount of unpaid missionary service in the Association, and who has recently suffered the loss of his dwelling etc by fire.

At 11 a m Rev. L R Pruett preached in the house on "Christ the Power of God," and Rev. C. E. Gower preached in the grove on 'I am the light of the World." A cash collection was taken for Foreign missions amounting to $8 65.

Association adjourned to meet with Howell's, Thursday before the third Sunday of October 1898.

Hugh Long, Clerk., Rev. L. R. Pruett, Moderator.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PAID IN THIS YEAR.							PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR.						
	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Ministers Relief.	Minutes.	Poor.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Ministers Relief.
Arlington	$ 3 11	5 00	4 30				50	5 00	5 00	4 00	5 00		5 00	3 00
Tryon Street	440 33	43 75	146 38	57 00	108 83		5 00	49 25	375 00	50 00	75 00	75 00	25 00	25 00
Clear Creek	9 00	2 00	4 00		1 00		1 50		3 00	3 00	3 00		3 00	
Cold Water	8 79	5 82	3 53	1 00	3 00	1 00	1 00		7 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 00
Concord	33 22	12 00	10 00	10 00	36 00	10 00	3 00	12 00	25 00	13 00	10 00	10 00	36 00	10 00
Chaney's Hill														
Hopewell	8 00	3 00	3 00	3 66	5 00	3 00	1 30		4 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	7 50	3 50
Howell's	3 00	2 00	1 50	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 25		3 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 00
Independence Hill	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 02		4 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	2 00
Matthews	15 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 59		15 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Olivet	No. report													
Wilson Grove	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	2 00		1 00		2 00					
Long Creek	6 00	2 00			2 00	2 00	0 35		6 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	2 50	2 00
Pine Hill														
Friendship	7 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	0 86		4 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	
Twelfth Street	5 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		1 00		10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	2 50
Phaniel's	5 00	2 00		2 00	2 00	2 00	0 80		5 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Rock Hill	2 00	2 00			1 00	2 00	1 45		2 50	2 50	2 00		1 50	1 00
Mt. Pleasant	1 00	0 40	0 21				75		1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
C. S. Holton									25 00					
	$ 551 45	$ 94 97	$ 191 92	$ 90 66	$ 174 53	$ 29 00	$ 22 28	$ 66 25	$ 496 50	$ 105 50	$ 127 00	$ 111 00	$ 106 00	58 00

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	No Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars.	Quarterlies and Papers taken.	Volumes in Library.	School Expenses.	Orphanage.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Mission Schools.	Other Objects.	Total Contributions.
Arlington	F. M. Hinson, Arlington	1	7	60	60		$ 5 00							
Tryon Street	I. W. Durham, Charlotte	2	33	250	425	250	215 00	$ 83 00		17 78	$50 00	$68 50		$ 697 50
Clear Creek	H. W. Pigg, Brief	1	8	45	40		2 44							2 44
Cold Water	L. A Talbirt, Concord	1	5	40	26		2 70				5 23			
Concord	T. C. Wilson, Concord	1	17	167	228		67 82	41 00	$ 1 00	1 00	1 00		$41 00	153 82
~~Chaney's Hill~~	No report													
~~Hopewell~~	No report													
Howell's	A. L. Howell, Furrs	1	5	100	75		8 00							8 00
Independence Hill	J. L. Cashion, Croft	1	4	25	25		2 75							2 75
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	1	9	110	150		14 91					2 50	44 51	61 92
Olivet	J. K. Purefoy, Charlotte	1	8	60	100		100 00							100 00
~~Wilson Grove~~	No report													
Long Creek	M. W. Sandford, Paw Creek	1	4	30	50		2 25							2 25
~~Pine Hill~~	No report													
Friendship	R. J. Mitchell, Lodo	1	8	30	55									
Twelfth Street	W. M. Liles, Charlotte	1	22	265	175		72 84				5 0	3 07		80 91
Phaniel's	T. M. Yost, Yost	1	15	80			1 35							1 35
Rock Hill	H. L. Helms, Concord	1	7	110	126		6 60							6 60
~~Mt. Pleasant~~	No report													
~~Pleasant Plain~~	No report													
		15	145	1372	1535	250	$ 501 66	$ 124 00	$ 1 00	$ 18 78	$ 61 23	$ 74 07	$ 85 51	$ 1117 54

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	Sabbaths Preached	Baptisms.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidentals.	Repairs.	Other Objects.
Arlington	C. J. Black	A. W. Crabtree, Arlington	24	4	5	4	11	9	1	75	80	155			$95 00	$ 37 00
Tryon Street	A. C. Barron	J. A. Durham, Charlotte	52	24	57		12		3	162	252	414	$1800 00	$653 50		
Clear Creek	A. C. Davis	L. A. Ferguson, Brief	12	2	2	3	5	3		40	50	90	75 00		55 00	
Cold Water	J. J. Payseur	L. A. Talbirt, Concord	12	17						31	40	71	50 00			
Concord	J. J. Payseur	Wm. Kirk, Concord	52	55	27	5	18	2	2	58	112	170	640 00	30 00	10 00	388 40
Chaney's Hill																
Hopewell	W. J. Wyatt	H. D. Winecoff, Caldwell	24	5	8		1		3	48	62	110	150 00	15 00		
Howell's	C. J. Black	D. W. Garrison, Furr's	12	27	9	4	8	1	1	17	44	61	45 00			
Independence Hill	J. R. Hankins	J. R. McCurdy, Eastfield	24				1			23	42	65	75 00			
Matthews	J. B. Richardson	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	12	6	3	1	2	4	1	55	78	133	185 00	30 00		
Olivet		T. S. Franklin, Charlotte	52	2	13		34					161				
Wilson Grove	W. T. Talbirt	J. T. Griffin, Hornett	12	2		1	5	5	1	20	36	56	30			
Long Creek	J. F. Morris	M. W. Sanford, Paw Creek	12		4			7		24	27	51	90 00	360 00		
Pine Hill																
Friendship	J. R. Hankins	J. T. Mitchell, Lodo	24	4	10		2		4	15	20	35	50 00	6 00	33 00	35 00
Twelfth Street	L. R. Pruett	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	52	44	52		15	3		15	22	37	200 00	32 42	70 25	
Phaniel's	J. J. Payseur	J. M. Funderburk, Rimer	12	7						17	23	40	46 75	7 93		
Rock Hill	A. N. Hinson	A. D. Crisco, Concord	24	26	14	2		1	1	26	29	56	30 00		91 25	
Mt. Pleasant	J. J. Payseur	Edward Long, Mt. Pleasant	12		15					6	9	15				
Pleasant Plain	No Letter															

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The next session to be held with Friendship Baptist Church, Lodo, Mecklenburg county, N. C., on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1899. Introductory sermon by Rev. L. R. Pruett.



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PROCEEDINGS.

Howell's Baptist Church, October 13, 1898.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association met in the 13th annual session at Howell's Baptist Church and was opened by singing "There is a Fountain," and prayer by Rev. J. C. Caddell; after which the roll of the churches was called and delegates reported as follows:

Arlington—E. H. Hinson and L. I. Lipe.

Tryon Street—I. W. Durham, W. F. Dowd, J. A. Durham.

Clear Creek—J. D. Helms, N. J. Ferguson.

Cold Water—L. A. Talbirt, L. M. Fisher, J. D. Smith,

Concord—J. J. Payseur, J. D. McLester, J. W. Welch, W. J. Black Jessie Parker, J. R. Hinson.

Chaney's Hill—Thos. Faulk.

Hopewell—F. A. Hawkins.

Howell's—Jesse Green, Callie Dorton, J S. Joyner.

Independence Hill—C. S. Davis, J. R. McCurdy.

Matthews—Geo. V. Renfrow, Dr. Massey, Rev. J. S. Snider.

Olivet—Rev. S. F. Conard, C. S. Holton, C. Gresham.

Wilson's Grove—W. G. Thomas, Jno. T. James.

Long Creek—Rev. J. L. Shinn.

Newells—W. C. Austin, L. A. Barbee, Rev. J. W. Snider.

Friendship—J. T. Mitchell, Wilson Springer.

Twelfth Street—Not represented.

Phaniels—J. M. Funderburk, D. L. Eddleman.

Pleasant Plain—W. S. Paxton, J. L. Shannon, B. F. Shannon.

Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.

Rock Hill—H. L. Helms, R. A. Christenberry, Rev. A. N. Hinson, A. D. Crisco.

Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. J. Payseur, from Heb. 2:3. He preached a very stirring missionary sermon.

On motion the following officers were elected: Moderator, J, J. Payseur; Clerk, C. J. Black; Treasurer, C. S. Holton.

The moderator welcomed corresponding messengers Rev. R. H. James, of the Union Association, and Rev. E. P. Harrington, of the Stanley Association, also Bro. J. C. Caddell, of the "Recorder."

The chair then appointed a committee on order of business, consisting of Rev. S. F. Conard, W. F. Talbirt, J. S. Welch.

C. J. Black, pastor of Howell's church, in a few remarks, cordially welcomed the Association to the church and community, and especially to the heavily laden tables in the grove.

Association adjourned for dinner. Benediction by Rev. S. F. Conrad.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After partaking of the bounties prepared by the good sisters, the Association reassembled. After singing "Nearer My God to Thee" and prayer by Rev. A. N. Hinson, the order of business was then taken up.

The chair appointed the clerk to report on periodicals.

Rev. James made an encouraging report from the Union Association, stating that they were doing a grand work for the Master in the Wingate School.

The chair then called for the executive board's report, but they failed to respond, and the report was

then called for from the missionaries. Rev. Shinn arose and gave a thrilling account of his work at Mooresville, Davidson and Huntersville, and recommended the purchase of a lot at Davidson and also at Huntersville where the prospects are bright and encouraging; a lot has already been donated there and the material to build a house partially obtained. Bro. F. A. Hawkins also made some appropriate remarks in regard to the work at Davidson, showing how much they need a house at Davidson. Bro. H. L. Helms and A. N. Hinson spoke encouragingly of the work at Rock Hill. Bro. Talbirt spoke of the growth of Wilson's Grove, and Rev. S. F. Conrad made a stirring speech on State Missions and recommended that the Association manage her own affairs, but was opposed by Rev. C. S. Holton, who stated that we received more than we gave. His statement was corroborated by that of Bro. J. C. Caddell, who spoke of the judicious distribution of funds by the State board.

The chair noticed Rev. Stringfield and A. Johnson, of "Charity and Children," and invited them to seats in the Association. Rev. Stringfield replied by stating that he was the happiest man alive and that he was more than glad to be here.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Rev. Talbirt arose and sadly stated that there were many reports being circulated relative to A. W. Crabtree's character, and that the church was taking no action. On motion the following committee was appointed to report to the Association to-morrow : S. F. Conrad, C. S. Davis, A. Johnson. The chair appointed brethren J. T. Mitchell, J. D. McLester and S. F. Conrad committee on time and place; J. L. Shinn, C. J. Black and I. W. Durham nominating committee; J. R. McCurdy, H. L. Helms and C. Gresham, finance committee.

SECOND DAY.

Opened with devotional exercises conducted by Bro. Stringfield, who made a nice littte talk on "Yoke Wearing," after which the moderator called the Association to order and read the full report on order of business.

On motion it was adopted.

REPORT OF ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage has just closed a year of great prosperity. A gracious Providence has cared for the health of the officers and children. Though a severe epedemic of measles has prevailed, only one child died from the disease. One has died from heart disease and one from dropsy.

Since the last session of this body many valuable improvements have been made. The central or school building has been completed, at a cost of more than $5,000. During the past year this has been occupied and found admirably suited to the purpose for which it was erected. By means of this building the superintendent has been enabled to grade the school properly, and thus to have the children more thoroughly taught. And, too, the congregating of the children into this building for instruction, has opened for sleeping rooms the rooms heretofore used for school rooms. The trustees have thus found themselves in a position to admit a larger number of orphans than the originial plan of buildings permitted.

A home for the general manager—certainly an urgent need—is in process of erection. He and his wife have heretofore been housed in the infirmary, an inconvenient arrangement, especially in case of epedemic disease raging. The treasurer's report shows that the sum of $800 has been contributed for this building, though twelve hundred dollars were sub-

scribed at the last session of the Baptist State Convention.

A new printing press and general outfit for "Charity and Children" have been secured at a cost of several hundred dollars. A marked improvement in the general make-up—the mechanical part—of the paper has been observed by all. It is carefully edited, and is in all respects admirably filling its sphere. The treasurer's report shows that the receipts from subscriptions and advertising have exceeded the expenses by $450.

The Orphanage owns a farm of over three hundred acres of fairly valuable land. The products of this farm for the last year are estimated to be worth $1,282. The total expenses of making the crop were $649.45, leaving a net profit of $632.55.

The total receipts in money and in kind for the past year reached the magnificent sum of $13,871.05—the largest of any year in the history of the Orphanage. A part of this was used to pay off the debt on central building—a part, $1,000, was legacy from Dr. R. D. Fleming's estate—and $9,016 were used to clothe, feed and teach one hundred and sixty children—making the average cost per head $56.00. And your committee begs to assure this body that this sum wisely used has been found sufficient to maintain in a very comfortable style the orphan children under the care of this institution. COMMITTEE.

Report on Orphanage was discussed by Rev. A. Johnson in a strong and effectual address, after which a cash collection was taken, amounting to $8.59. On motion the report was adopted.

The chair at this time welcomed Rev. J. S. Snider, of the Union Association.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

No longer can we disregard the education of our

children. "Ignorance is the mother of vice," while education is the hand-maid of Christianity. We earnestly urge the people to make greater use of the public schools by securing more efficient teachers. We hope that the day will soon come when the money now appropriated for higher education may be turned into the public schools. We heartily commend the establishment of an Associational High School to be located at some central point within this Association, and that a committee be appointed at this session of the Association to make suitable arrangements for its establishment. We heartily endorse Wake Forest, the grandest institution in North Carolina.

J. L. SHINN.

Discussed by J. C. Caddell, for ministerial education, and Rev. Stringfield for female education. Bro. J. S. Snider, of the Wingate School, and C. J. Black, of Big Lick Academy.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Associational school question was brought up at this point and was discussed with much interest by Rev. Stringfield, J. S. Shinn and W. C. Dowd.

The following motion was made :

Resolved, That a board of trustees, consisting of five members, be appointed; whose duty will be to purchase a lot and build a house for an Associational High School. Also, that they shall be empowered to employ teachers and take the general oversight of said school. J. S. SHINN.

On motion it was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This department is to give the Gospel to the destitute portions of the territory within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention and the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico. The conclusion of the war with

Spain opens up new fields. Let us realize what this new opportunity is and hasten to occupy this new territory by sending men and money to this new field full of such great possibilities. COMMITTEE.

Discussed by J. C. Caddell. On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Every person engaged in the Lord's work ought to read religious literature, no one can attain any great degree of success without reading. As church members, we ought to read the Biblical Recorder and North Carolina Baptist; as Sunday-schools, we ought to read Charity and Children and Foreign Mission, Home Mission and Sunday-school journals. Without such we are exposed to the various heresies our country is now being filled with. Discussed by C. J. Black, S. F. Conrad; (C. J. Black giving mormonism a black eye) —and J. J. Payseur.

The report of the committee on the Arlington case was called for but did not respond on account of Rev. Johnson being absent. The committee asked for another man and Rev. Shinn was appointed.

The nominating committee made the following report: We recommend the Association to keep the same executive board with the addition of Rev. W. A. Morgan.

The report on finance was called for and read by Rev. J. R. McCurdy. Association adjourned. Benediction by Rev. W. T. Talbirt.

THIRD DAY.

Opened by singing a song and reading the 14th chapter of John, and a short talk by moderator.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

There is now about thirty aged and wornout servants of God depending on this Board for their daily

bread. The Board is now calling upon the Baptists of North Carolina for funds with which to care for these needy ones. Brethren, let us heed the call and respond at once. —W. T. Talbirt.

Discussed by W. T. Talbirt and R. H. James. Pledges were called for and promptly responded to. On motion, report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Master said: The field, when the word of truth is sown is the world. In his great command, Mark 6: 16, He said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." In Matt. 28: 19, 20, He says, "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth; go ye, therefore, and teach all nations." From these facts, we see that there is unity in missions. The work at home and abroad has the same great end in view; namely: The evangelization of the world, and the bringing of all classes and conditions of men to the acceptance of Christ.

To say we do not believe in Foreign Missions is practically saying we not believe Christ meant all mankind in the great command which we have quoted.

—S. F. Conrad.

Discussed by S. F. Conrad, J. J. Payseur, Joel S. Snider and R. H. James. Pledges were taken and on motion the report was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The majority of the active and most useful members in our churches to-day were in the Sunday-school fifteen to twenty years ago. The future church is in the Sunday-school to-day, to a very great extent, hence the importance of the work. If you love your churches you are compelled to love and labor for the Sunday-school. It is the hope of the future church.

Committee.

Discussed by C. J. Black, H. L. Helms and F. A. Hawkins. On motion the report was adopted.

The minutes of the Association were read and adopted, after which the moderator read the following appointments to report at next Association:

State Mission—J. L. Shinn.
Home Mission—Cary Dowd.
Orphanage—A. C. Barron.
Education—C. Gresham.
Sunday School—L. R. Pruett.
Minister's Relief—S. F. Conrad.
Periodicals—I. W Durham.

Moderator appointed the following delegates to the State Convention: L. R. Pruett, C. J. Black, J. L. Shinn, W. T. Talbirt, J. S. Snider and J. A. Durham.

On motion the place of meeting was changed from Independence Hill to Friendship.

REPORT ON ARLINGTON CASE.

Your committee would respectfully submit the following report and recommendations:

First, That there has been a long agitation in the Arlington church for four or five years, of which A. W. Crabtree has been the cause.

Second, That the peace and prosperity has been very greatly damaged and retarded as a result of this agitation and trouble.

Third, That the facts as brought before the committee are of such a nature as to justify us in saying that Rev. A. W. Crabtree's conduct and deportment has been unbecoming that of a minister of the Gospel, and that he is unworthy of the confidence and fellowship of his brethren; we, therefore, recommend that the Association withdraw their fellowship from him as a gospel minister, and that Arlington church, of which he is a member, ask for his credentials and withdraw their fellowship from him. That a committee be appointed to lay this report before the church and report their action at the next session of the Association.

Committee on same:

C. S. Holton, J. S. Snider, L. A. Talbirt, S. F. Conrad, J. L. Shinn and C. S. Davis.

On motion a copy of same was to be placed in the Recorder and North Carolina Baptist.

Song and benediction by S. F. Conrad.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by moderator.

Report of nominating committee on trustees for Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Associational School—W. C. Dowd, L. R. Pruett, J. A. Durham, J. R. McCurdy and J. L. Shinn.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Never, before, has there been such an opening for great work for the Lord in North Carolina as to-day. Our Association is the greatest mission field in all North Carolina. The State Mission Board has helped our Association at Charlotte, Friendship, Long Creek, Concord, Huntersville, Davidson and other places. At all of these places there has opened great work, and they are very encouraging. Our Association should rally to the work. The Board gives to our Association more than twice as much as we give to State missions. —J. J. Payseur.

Discussed by J. J. Payseur, J. L. Shinn and S. F. Conrad, giving mormonism her dues, after which a cash collection was taken, amounting to $3.20. On motion the report was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Resolution of thanks by moderator:

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to this church and community for their kind treatment and entertainment of this body. On motion it was adopted.

After the report of the treasurer it was announced that Rev. Conrad would preach on the morrow.

Benediction by Rev. Conrad, and adjournment.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES,	PAID IN THIS YEAR								PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR						
	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Relief.	Minutes.	Total.	Orphanage.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Ministers Relief.	Total.
Arlington	2 00	1 50	1 50				1 30	6 30							
Tryon Street	50 00	2 15	90 90	20 00	67 65		3 00	446 55		3 75	50	75	75	25	6 00
Clear Creek	3 00	3 00	3 00				85	9 85	1 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	11 00
Cold Water	7 00	3 00	3 00		3 00	1 00	1 00	18 00	3 50	7 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	22 00
Concord	25 00	13 00	10 00		41 00	11 00	2 00	114 00	36 00	25 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	101 01
Chaney's Hill	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00		1 00	5 00	50	1 00	1 00	50	50		3 50
Hopewell	4 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	8 44	3 50	1 00	25 87	5 00	4 00	3 00	3 50	3 50	3 50	22 50
Howell	3 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	2 50	1 00	50	14 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	1 50	1 00	13 50
Independence Hill	4 00	1 75	1 75		1 00		85	9 35	5 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	17 00
Matthews	15 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 60	45 60	5 00	15 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	44 00
Olivet	25 00	25 00	8 75		4 90		1 41	65 06	10 00	25 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	60 00
Wilson Grove	2 00	1 10						3 10	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	6 00
Loug Creek									5 00	6 00	2 00	3 00	2 00		18 00
Nervells									2 60			1 00		1 00	4 50
Friendship	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	2 00		50	9 50	5 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	18 00
12th Street	10 00	5 00	5 00					20 00		10 00	5 00	5 00	2 50		22 50
Phaniels				1 00	2 00	1 00	65	4 65	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	8 00
Rock Hill	2 50	2 00	2 50	1 50	1 00		1 00	10 50	2 50	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	9 50
Pleasant Plains	2 00	2 00	2 00	69	50	50	1 00	8 69	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	6 50
Mt. Pleasant	1 00	25	50	25				2 00	50	50	50	50	50	50	3 00
Davidson									5 00	2 00			1 00		8 00
Huntersville									5 00	2 00			1 00		8 00
E H. Hinson									1 00	1 00			1 00		3 00
U M. S. Charlotte	11 00	34 65	51 45	25 00	124 00	74 45	75 00	395 55	98 50	496 50	98 00	129 50	121 50	65 00	1007 50
Total								1192 11	Total						1423 01

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES,	SUPTS. AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Number Scholars	No. Officers & Teachers	Total	Quarterlies Taken	Contributions	Months Open	Vols. in Library
Arlington	F. M. Hinson, Arlington	40	5	45	10	5 00	12	----
Tryon Street	I. W. Durham, Charlotte	150	22	172	1640	144 35	12	300
Clear Creek	H. W. Pigg, Brief	57	8	65	372	1 17	12	----
Cold Water	L. A. Talbirt, Concord	40	6	46	36	2 00	----	----
Concord	L. C. Wilson, Concord	298	24	322	239	1 80	12	----
Chaney's Hill	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Hopewell	B. F. Rollins, Huntersville	35	6	41	50	6 00	12	50
Howell	A. L. Howell, Furr's	75	6	81	75	8 00	12	----
Independence Hill	J. L. Cashion, Croft	20	5	25	20	1 80	12	----
Matthews	T J. Renfrow, Matthews	100	9	109	150	11 50	12	----
Olivet	T. S. Faulklin, Charlotte	42	8	50	50	60 00	22	----
Wilson Grove	W. G. Thomas, Hornett	24	2	26	----	75	----	----
Loug Creek	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Nervells	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Friendship	B. J. Mitchell, Lodo	45	7	52	75	6 00	12	----
12th Street	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	150	16	166	100	50 00	12	----
Phaniels	J. L. Yost, Yost	102	15	117	----	76	----	----
Rock Hill	J. R. Atkins, Concord	45	8	53	108	3 00	12	----
Pleasant Plains	W. T. Paxton, Matthews	30	6	36	65	6 00	12	----
Mt. Pleasant	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Totals		1253	153	1106	2990	373 33	----	350

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES,	Pastors and Their Post Offices.	Pastor's Salary.	Clerks and Their Post Offices.	Added.				Decreased				Present Membership.
				Baptisms.	By Letter.	Restred.	Total.	By Letter.	Excluded	Died.	Total	
Arlington	J, M. Ballard Doolie		A. W. Crabtree, Arlington	6		2	8	7	3	2	12	151
Tryon Street	A. C. Barron, Charlotte	2 000	J. A. Durham, Charlotte	21	30		51	22		2	24	451
Clear Creek	R. H. James, Reuben	50	L. A. Ferguson, Brief					3	3	1	7	83
Cold Water	J. J. Payseur, Concord	60	L. A. Talbirt, Concord	3	2		5	2			2	69
Concord	J. J. Payseur, "	360	C. W. Hopkins, Concord	30	41		71	12	6	2	20	298
Chaney's Hill	E. L. Teeter, Loust		S. Faulk, Brief									48
Hopewell	W. J. Wyott	150		1	10	1	12	1		1	2	128
Howell	C, J. Black, Big Lick	45	D W. Garmon, Furrs	12	2		14	1	12	2	15	84
Independence Hill	J. L. Shinn, Mooresville	50	J. R. McCurdy, Eastfield					5	5		10	54
Matthews	J. L. Snider, Wingate	200	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	14	4	2	20	2	3		5	144
Olivet	F. S. Conrad, Charlotte	600	T. S. Faulklin, Charlotte	9	13		22	33	1		34	149
Wilson Grove	W. T. Talbirt, Concord	25	J. T. Griffin, Matthews	2	1		3	2	2		4	56
Long Creek	J. L. Shinn, Mooresville											
Nervells	J. W. Snider, Matthews											
Friendship	A. M. Ross, King Mt	60	J. T. Mitchell, Lodo			1	1	1	2	1	4	43
12th Street	L. R. Pruett, Charlotte	300	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	12	47		59	15	1	1	17	151
Phaniels	W. T. Talbirt Concord	35	J. M. Funderburk, Rimer						4	4		37
Rock Hill	*A. N. Hinson, Croft	50	A. H. Crisco, Concord	19	7	2	38	1	4		5	80
Mt. Pleasant	J. J. Payseur, Concord	12	H.T.Johnson, Mt. Pleasant					7		7		7
Davidson	J. L. Shinn, Mooresville											
Huntersville	J. L. Shinn, "											
Pleasant Plains	J. J. Morris, Stanly Creek	75	L. D. McLeod, Matthews	9	2		11			1	1	87

*Deceased

REPORT

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The next session will be held at 12th. Street, Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., beginning Thursday after the 3rd. Sunday in August, 1900. Introductory sermon by REV. A. C. BARRON, D. D.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR—Rev. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte, N. C.
CLERK—W. M Lyles, Charlotte, N. C.
TREASURER—C. S. Holton, Charlotte, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Rev. L. R. Pruett, Chairman, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. A. C. Barron, D. D. " "
J. A. Durham, " "
J. T. Mitchell, Lodo, "
W. A. Morgan, Concord, "

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Rev. J. W. Abernethy, Matthews, N. C.
Rev. D. M. Austin, Charlotte, N. C.
Dr A. C. Barron, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. C. J. Black, Big Lick, N. C.
Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord, N. C.
Rev. W. H. Honeycutt, Concord, N. C.
Rev. Wm. Johnston, Matthews, N. C.
Rev. J. J. McLendon, Indian Trail, N. C.
Rev. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. T. B. Phillips, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. J. L. Shinn, Mooresville, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Snider, Newells, N. C.
Rev. W. T. Talbirt, Concord, N. C.
Rev. W. J. Wyatt, Purth, N. C.
Rev. A W. Willcox, Caldwell, N. C.

Report of Association.

The Fourteenth Annual Session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association met with Friendship Church, Wednesday, October 11th at 11 A. M., and after singing "Draw Me Nearer" and prayer by Rev. J. L. Shinn, Rev. L. R Pruett, of the 12th Street Church, preached a most excellent sermon from the 13th Chapter of First Corinthians, after which Rev. D. M. Austin, Pastor of the Friendship Church, announced that after the benediction was pronounced that an adjournment of one hour would be had, and all were invited to partake of dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 1 :30, and after singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," and prayer by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, of Concord, the election of temporary Moderator and Clerk was gone into, and Rev. D. M. Austin called Rev. L. R. Pruett to the Chair. W. M. Lyles was chosen as temporary Clerk.

Upon calling the roll, the following churches and delegates responded and were duly enrolled :

Arlington Church —E. H. Hinson, E. H. Williams, F. M. Connell and L. I. Lipe.

Clear Creek.—T. W. Bass, T. L. Ferguson and N. M. Pigg.

Cold Water.—L. A. Talbirt and J. W. Connell.

Concord.—Rev. B. Lacy Hoge.

Friendship.—R. J. Mitchell, W. D. Mitchell, S. J. P. Garrison

Hopewell.—Rev. W. J. Wyatt, Noah Winecoff and T. B. White.

Howells.—T. D. Joyner and W. S. Polk.

Huntersville —F. A Hawkins.

Independence Hill —J. R. McCurdy, J. L. Cashion.

Long Creek.—F. T. Beatty.

Matthews.—E. J. Funderburk and J. W. Pittman.

Newells.—Rev J. W. Snider and L A. Barbee.

Olivet.—C S. Holton.

Phaniels —Henry Denny and M. H. Carter.

Pleasant Plains.—W. S. Paxton and B. F. Shannon.

Tryon Street.—Rev. A. C. Barron, D. D., W. C. Dowd, F. R Durham, W. F. Dowd, I. W. Durham and R. H Jordan.

12th Street.—Rev. L. R. Pruett, J. W. McAnulty and W. M. Lyles.

Wilson's Grove.—W. R. Small and A. L. Pigg.

After the delegates were duly enrolled a permanent organization was effected by making the temporary organization permanent, and C. S. Holton, Treasurer.

A request came from the Church at Huntersville to become a member of this Association, and upon motion of Rev. S. F. Conrad, the request was referred to a Committee of three composed of Rev. S. F. Conrad, Rev. B. Lacy Hoge and L. I. Lipe.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Order of Business.—Rev. D. M. Austin, Rev. J. W. Snider and E. H. Hinson.

Finance Committee.—E. H. Williams, L. A. Barbee and T. D. Joyner

Time and Place of Next Meeting.—Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, R. J. Mitchell and F. R. Durham.

The committee appointed by last Association to investigate charges against Rev. A. W. Crabtree reported through C. S. Holton that they had investigated charges and taken the matter before the Arlington Church, of which, said brother is a member, and recommended that the Church withdraw fellowship from him. The Report was accepted and adopted, and the Committee discharged

Brother C. S. Holton, Treasurer of the Association, made his Annual Report, and same was adopted.

The Committee on securing Huntersville church reported favorably and this church was gladly secured as a member of the Association.

Brother A Johnson of "Charity and Children" was recognized and made a most excellent talk on "The Work the Baptists in North Carolina Are Doing."

The Committee on "Order of Business" reported as follows:

The Association to meet at 9:30 A. M. Adjourn at will.

WEDNESDAY P. M.

Miscellaneous Business.

THURSDAY.

9 :30 Devotional Exercises.
10 :00 Ministers Relief Fund.
11 :00 Orphanage.
2 :00 Home Missions.
3 :00 Foreign Missions.

FRIDAY

9 :30 Devotional Exercises
10 :00 Report on Periodicals.
11 :00 State Missions.
2 :00 Sunday Schools.
3 :00 Education.

The election of a delegate to The Southern Baptist Convention resulted in Rev. L. R. Pruett being chosen and Rev. S. F. Conrad, as Alternate.

Election of Delegates to the State Convention resulted as follows :

Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Rev. J. L. Shinn, Rev. D. M. Austin, Rev. Dr. A. C. Barron, Rev. L. R. Pruett, Rev. S. F. Conrad, Rev. L. A. Barbee, I. W. Durham, W. M. Lyles, L. I. Lipe, J. I. Mitchell, W. J. Wyatt, T. L. Mullen and J. H. Welsh

The following were elected as Executive Committee :

Rev. L R. Pruett, Chairman, Charlotte ; Dr. A C. Barron, Charlotte ; J. A Durham, Charlotte ; J. T. Mitchell, Lodo and W. A. Morgan, Concord.

After prayer by Rev. W. J. Wyatt the Association adjourned until Thursday 9 :30 A M.

THURSDAY A. M

The Association met at 9 :30, and after thirty minutes devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. J. Wyatt, the regular order of business was taken up and letters from Clear Creek, Cold Water, Hopewell, Long Creek and Phaniels were read and delegates from these churches duly enrolled as members of this Association.

THURSDAY 10:00

The Ministers' Relief Fund was discussed by Rev. S F. Conrad, A Johnson, Dr, A C. Barron and W. C Dowd.

Pledges were taken for this fund.

Letters were presented and read from Independence Hill and Matthews, and delegates duly enrolled

The report on Orphanage was made by Dr A. C. Barron, as follows:

"The Baptists of North Carolina are to be congratulated on having under their control one of the best equipped and well managed Orphanages in the South. There are under our care about 200 orphans, who find kind care and attention, under the able management of Brother and Sister Boone This is a larger number than ever before. Several new buildings have recently been erected and still there is a cry for more room. We are told that nearly every mail brings to the Superintendent letters from every section of the State telling of the homeless orphans of Baptist parentage and urging him to receive these children under his care, and yet he has no room for them

The Baptists of North Carolina ought to give enough money to provide larger accommodations for these children of the denomination It is pleasant to the Committee to record the fact that this year has witnessed enlarged liberality in making provision for the constant recuring wants of the Institution. It requires ten or twelve thousand dollars to pay the running expenses of the Institution, but this is to meet only present necessities. If we enlarge we must do better even than this."

REPORT ADOPTED

This question was discussed by Dr Barron and A. Johnson, who presented the matter in a most forcible manner, and pledges were taken for this fund A cash collection was taken, and $10 30 realized After singing the hymn "Blessed Assurance" and benediction by Dr. Barron, the Association adjourned until 2 P M.

THURSDAY P. M.

The Association assembled and after singing "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound" and prayer by Rev. J W Snider,

the regular order of business was proceeded with, and letter was read from Pleasant Plain and delegates duly enrolled

Mr. W. C. Dowd made report on Home Missions as follows:

"The Baptist denomination divides the injunction, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" into three departments, to-wit: State Missions, Home Missions, and Foreign Missions. The Home Mission Board has the supervision of all mission work within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention except of course the work of the various State Conventions. It also includes the work in Cuba and Porto Rico The work of the Board during the past year has probably been on a larger scale than ever before Since Cuba and Porto Rico have been freed from Spanish domination, an immense territory has been opened to our Missionaries. With increased opportunities comes increased responsibilities. Now is the time for the evangelization of this country. May the Lord help us to meet our obligations, and do our duty."

The report was adopted, and most excellent addresses made by Rev. S. F. Conrad, Dr A C. Barron, Rev. D M. Austin and W. C. Dowd. Pledges were then taken for Home Missions.

Report on Foreign Missions was made by Rev B Lacy Hoge as follows:

"The great Command of the Master, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," is as binding today as it was the first year of the Churches' existence. The Master said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth," and for you to tarry at Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high," for said he, "I will send the Holy Ghost and ye shall receive power after He has come upon you," and this promise is given that you may take the gospel to all nations beginning at Jerusalem. Jesus is now going among the nations of the earth to take out a people for His name, after this he will return. Our duty is to go into all the world and proclaim the truth and prepare the way for the coming of the Lord"

The report was adopted and strong talks were made by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge and Dr A C. Barron Pledges were then taken for Foreign Missions

Upon suggestion of Brother C. Gresham it was agreed that no church in the Association pledge less than $5 00 for Foreign Missions, and if any church failed to raise $5 00, that he would pay the difference.

The Committee on "Time and Place" announced that they were ready to report, and submitted the following report.

First That the time for next meeting be the Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1900.

Second That the next meeting of the Association be held with 12th Street Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

Third. Preacher Dr. A. C. Barron, Charlotte, N. C.

After considerable discussion on the time of holding meeting an Amendment was offered making time Wednesday after the third Sunday in August, 1900. And upon a call of the question on the Amendment the vote stood 24 in favor and 16 against the Amendment, and the Moderator declared the Amendment as carried. The report thus amended was adopted.

A motion to adjourn was made, and Rev. B Lacy Hoge pronounced the benediction.

Friday.

The Association met at 10 o'clock, and after devotional exercises, the regular order of business was proceeded with. The minutes of yesterday were read, and after slight changes, were adopted.

A motion was made by Rev D. M. Austin to reconsider the report of Committee on time and place and offered an Amendment to change from Wednesday to Thursday after the third Sunday in August Adopted.

At the motion of Brother C Gresham an Amendment was offered to change place of the meeting from the 12th Street to Arlington Church and substitute offered to this Amendment by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge as follows:

If this Association desires to change place, that they go from 12th Street to Coldwater Church. The substitute was lost and Association remains at 12th Street.

Letter was read from Chaneys Hill and $2 75 in cash received from this Church.

The report on periodicals was taken up and the following resolution offered by Rev. B Lacy Hoge:

Resolved, that we commend the "Biblical Recorder" and "Charity and Children" to our churches and people. The Resolution was adopted, and the report was discussed by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge and C. Gresham and Dr A. C. Barron.

The report on State Missions was read by Rev. J. L. Shinn as follows:

"The State Mission board was organized in 1830. At that time there were only 15,000 Baptists in the State. To-day there are 55 Associations, 1,550 Churches and 170,000 white Baptists. The Board has been working this year on $20,000 basis, 358 points are being aided The Missionaries are doing noble work led by the Holy Spirit. A volunteer movement is a step forward. May the Holy Spirit move more of our Pastors to enlist in this onward movement. There are many issues to be met in every part of the State. There are thousands of souls that must be saved. The people must hear the word as we have it. God says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" Let us increase our contributions to this work 25 per cent.

The report was adopted, and was ably discussed by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Rev. J. L Shinn, Dr A C. Barron and Rev. L. R Pruett.

Pledges were then taken for State Missions

Upon motion of J L Shinn Brother R. H. Jordan was elected a member of the Board for the coming year.

The Finance Committee announced they were ready to report and showed $102 87 on hand, which was turned over to the Treasurer of the Association.

The Association adjourned for dinner after prayer by Rev. W J Wyatt.

Friday Afternoon.

The afternoon session opened by singing hymn "To the Work," and the regular order of the business proceeded with.

The following Resolution was offered by Rev. B Lacy Hoge and adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved that we extend our thanks to the Friendship Bap-

tist Church and to the people of the community for their kind treatment and entertainment of the Association.

The Moderator called Brother C. Gresham to the Chair while he made a report on Sunday Schools as follows:

"There are a great number of children and young people in some way connected with our churches of this Association. Sixteen of our churches reported, four making no report. Last year only 1,283 scholars in all these schools. Should we not inquire, what is being done for the scriptural and spiritual training of this mighty host of boys and girls that are not in any Sunday School. The Sunday School is for all, both young and old, but it is more especially for the children. The Sunday School means more knowledge of the Bible, more Christians among the young of the community, and it means a lively Church. Of late our Baptists in the State have been taking a great interest in the Sunday School work, and under the wise and enthusiastic leadership of B. W. Spillman, Field Secretary of the Sunday School Department, our work along this line in many sections of this State has taken on new life. God grant that we may have such new life, and bring hope among our Churches of this Association. During this year three of our Sunday School Chatauquas have been held in different parts of the State, by which new interest has been stimulated. Brethren could we not make the Sunday School work in our Association more prominent to our good and prosperity. Let us go home brethren and gather in the children and train them for the home, the church, for God and for Heaven."

The report was adopted, and an instructive address delivered by Rev. L. R Pruett.

The report on Education was made by Brother C. Gresham as follows:

"The time is upon us when we can no longer afford to be derelict in regard to the education of our people. We can not be an aggressive people unless we are an intelligent people. There are many thousands of young men and women in our state who ought to be educated. We would heartily commend our Association Schools. and further we believe that it would be greatly to our interest if we had a school of this

kind in our Association Ministerial education should receive our hearty support. Therefore, we endorsed and recommend Wake Forest College. It is a source of great joy to the Baptist hosts of our State that the Baptist University has been opened for active work and that with a most encouraging outlook. We commend the Graded Schools of the State. We do not believe in appropriating State funds for the support of the State schools.

The report was adopted, and was discussed by Rev. D. M. Austin and C. Gresham. Pledges were then taken for this fund.

The Moderator then made the following appointments to report at the next Association:

On Foreign Missions, Rev S. F. Conrad; Home Msssions, Dr. A. C. Barron; State Missions, Rev. B. Lacy Hoge; Orphanage, C. Gresham; Education, Rev. J. L. Shinn; Sunday Schools, W. M. Lyles; Ministers' Relief Fund, W. C. Dowd; Periodicals, Rev. W. J. Wyatt.

Upon motion of Rev. J. L. Shinn and carried that two additional members be added to the Trustees and Rev. D. M Austin and C. Gresham were named The Trustees consisted of the following brethren:

W. C. Dowd, Chairman, Charlotte, N C.
Rev. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte, N C.
J. A. Durham, Charlotte, N. C.
J. R. McCurdy, Eastfield, N. C.
Rev. J. L. Shinn, Mooresville, N. C
Rev. D. M. Austin, Charlotte, N. C.
C. Gresham, Charlotte, N. C.

There being no further business before the Association, and after singing that soul stirring song, "God be with you until we meet Again" engaged in by the entire congregation, the benediction was pronounced by Dr. A. C. Barron, Charlotte, N. C.

W. M. LYLES, Clerk.

Financial Table.

CHURCHES.	PAID IN THIS YEAR.								PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR.						
	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Education.	Ministers Relief	Minutes.	Total.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Education.	Ministers Relief.	Total.
Arlington	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00			1 35	17 35	5 00	5 00	8 00	5 00		1 00	24 00
Chaney's Hill	50	50		50		25	50	2 25							
Clear Creek	3 00	3 00	3 00				1 00	10 00	3 00	3 00	5 00	1 00			12 00
Cold Water	3 00	3 00	7 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	50	22 50	5 00	3 00	10 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	27 00
Concord	17 60	13 08	25 00	43 65			1 00	109 33	10 00	10 00	30 00	36 00	10 00	10 00	106 00
Davidson Mission									5 00	1 00	2 00	5 00			13 00
Friendship	3 00	3 60	7 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 20	21 20	5 00	5 00	15 00	10 00	1 00	1 00	37 00
Hopewell	3 50	3 60	4 00	5 00	3 50	3 50		22 50	5 00	2 00	3 00	3 00		3 00	16 00
Howells	3 00	2 00	7 50	3 00	1 50	1 00	50	18 50	5 00		1 00	3 00			9 00
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Independence Hill	50		2 00	2 00			50	5 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	19 00
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Newells	1 00		3 00	2 50		1 00	50	8 00	5 00	1 00	3 00	2 50		1 00	12 50
Olivet									5 00		5 00	1 00			11 00
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Mt. Pleasant.

Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES.	SUPT. AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	Number of Scholars	No. Officers & Teachers	Total	Quarterlies Taken	Contributions	Months Open.	Volumes in Library
Arlington	F. M. Hinson, Arlington	75	7	82	67	10.00	8	
Chaney's Hill								
Clear Creek	E. H. Hinson, Arlington	77	7	84		2.32	5	
Cold Water								
Concord	C. W. Hopkins, Concord	130	14	144	195	86.15	12	48
Davidson Mission								
Friendship	W. D. Mitchell, Lodo	35	7	42	75	11.75	12	
Hopewell	D. H. Wilcox, Caldwell	35	6	41	120	6.06	12	25
Howells	D. W. Garman, Furrs	80	5	85		6.00	12	
Huntersville								
Independence Hill	J. L. Cashion, Croft	30	4	34	35	3.65	12	
Long Creek								
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	100	9	109	150	57.00	12	
Newells	W. E. Hull. Newells	20	4	24	34	5.25	12	
Olivet								
Phaniels	C. W. Propst, Yost	119	11	130		.70		30
Pleasant Plains	W. S. Paxton, Matthews	40	5	45	70	8.00	12	
Rock Hill								
Tryon Street	I. W. Durham, Charlotte	175	20	195	1640	529.03	12	300
12th. Street	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	175	13	188	297	66.16	12	
Wilson's Grove	Mrs. McManus Hornet	76	5	81		2.16	12	

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	Present Membership	Pastor's Salary.
Arlington	C. J. Black, Big Lick	W. A. Connell, Arlington	171	
Chaney's Hill	H. Honeycutt, Concord	S. Faulks, Brief	40	
Clear Creek	R. H. James, Ruben	L. A. Ferguson, Brief	88	50.00
Cold Water	B. Lacy Hoge, Concord	L. A. Talbirt, Concord	76	60.00
Concord	B. Lacy Hoge, Concord	R. F. Byrd, Concord	241	375.00
Davidson Mission				
Friendship	D. M. Austin, Charlotte	J. T. Mitchell, Lodo	40	100.00
Hopewell	J. W. Wyatt, Purth	H. D. Winecoff, Caldwell	112	150.00
Howells	C. J. Black, Big Lick	D. W. Garmon, Furrs	94	40.00
Huntersville				25.00
Independence Hill	J. L. Shinn, Mooresville	J. R. McCurdy, Eastfield	46	50.00
Long Creek	W. A. Crabtree, Arlington	R. C. Beatty, Mt. Island	38	50.00
Matthews	J. S. Snider, Matthews	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	134	200.00
Newells	J. W. Snider, Newells	W. E. Hull, Newells	18	11.86
Olivet				
Phaniels	W. T. Talbirt, Concord	J. M. Funderburk, Rimer	45	40.00
Pleasant Plains	A. B. Caudle, Wingate	J. R. McLendon, Indian Trail	11	
Rock Hill				
Tryon Street	A. C. Barro`, Charlotte	J. A. Durham, Charlotte	476	2,000.00
12th. Street	L. R. Pruett, Charlotte	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	206	305.35
Wilson's Grove	W. T. Talbirt, Concord	H. M. Watts, Hoods	131	25.00

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AUGUST 23-26, 1900, INCLUSIVE.

The Next Session will be Held at the First Baptist Church, Concord, N. C., Beginning Thursday Before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1901, at 11 O'clock, A. M.

Introductory Sermon by

REV. D. W. AUSTIN, - - - - - Charlotte, N. C.

Alternate:

REV. A. W. WILCOX, - - - - Mt. Mourne, N. C.

Officers of the Association.

Moderator—Rev. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte, N. C.
Clerk—W. M. Lyles, Charlotte, N. C.
Treasurer—C. S. Holton, Charlotte, N. C.

Executive Committee.

Rev. L. R. Pruett, Chairman, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev A. C. Barron, D. D., Charlotte, N. C.
J. A. Durham, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord, N. C.
T. V. Talbirt, Concord, N. C.

Member of the Board of State Missions.

R. H. Jordan, Charlotte, N. C.

Ordained Ministers.

Rev. J. W, Abernathy, Matthews.
Rev. D. M. Austin, Charlotte.
Dr. A. C. Barron, Charlotte.
Rev. S. W. Bennett, Lilesville.
Rev. C. J. Black, Big Lick.
Rev. A. B. Caudle, Wingate.
Rev. C. L. Flowers, Wingate.
Rev. B. F. Hargett, Charlotte.
Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord.
Rev. Wm. Johnston, Matthews.
Rev. J. J. McLendon, Indian Trail.
Rev. T. B. Phillips, Charlotte.
Rev. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte.
Rev. J. L. Shinn, Mooresville.
Rev. W. T. Talbirt, Concord.
Rev. D. W. Thomason, Belmont.
Rev. A. W. Wilcox, Mt. Mourne.
Rev. W. J. Wyatt, Perth.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention.

Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord, N. C.
R. H. Jordan, Charlotte, N. C.. Alternate.

Delegates to State Convention.

Rev. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte. Rev. D. W. Thomason, Belmont.
Rev. J. L. Shinn, Mooresville. Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord.
Rev. W. T. Talbirt, Concord. J. A. Durham, Charlotte.
Rev. D. M. Austin, Charlotte.

Reading Clerks.

Rev. J. L. Shinn, Mooresville. Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord.

Report of Association.

The Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association met in its fifteenth Annual Session with 12th Street Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., Thursday August 23rd, at 11 a. m., and after singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" and prayer by Rev. L. R. Pruett, the Pastor, Brother Pruett announced that owing to the absence of Dr. A. C. Barron, who was appointed at the last Session of the Association to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. C. B. Justice of Rutherfordton, N. C., would preach, and selected his text from John 4-36, and preached a most excellent sermon, after which the Pastor announced that an adjournment would be had until 3:30 p. m., when the organization would be made. Benediction by Rev. D. M. Austin.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 3:30.

The Association met and after singing hymn No. 365. "Gospel Hymns," and prayer by Rev. J. L. Shinn, the roll was called and the following churches responded and messengers duly enrolled:

Arlington.—E. H. Williams, D. W. Fink, F. M. Connell, W. A. Connell.

Chaneys Hill.—Not represented.

Clear Creek.—Wilson Bass, Wm. Earlie, Frank Reader.

Cold Water.—Rev. W. T. Talbirt, T. V. Talbirt.

Concord.—Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Floyd Carzine.

Friendship.—J. T. Mitchell, W. D. Mitchell, S. Q. Garrison.

Hopewell.—Noah Winecoff, C. A. Hudgepeth.

Howells.—Not Represented.

Huntersville.—S. L. Mullen, F. A. Hawkins.

Independence Hill.—J. R. McCurdy, C. S. Davis.

Long Creek.—F. C. Beaty, C. A. Caldwell.

Matthews.—E. J. Funderburk, Rev. W. B. Renfrow.

Newells.—Not represented.

Olivet.—U. S. Bowden, Jack Pate, C. S. Holton.

Phaniels.—M. H. Carter, G. H. Troutman.

Pleasant Plains.—Rev. J. J. McLendon.

Rock Hill.—A. D. Crisco.

Tryon Street.—I. W. Durhrm, J. J. Ezell, J. F. Mosteller.

12th Street.—T. J. Sprinkle, W. D. McCorkle, W. M. Lyles.

Wilsons Grove.—A. L. Pigg. A. S. Mungo.

The election of officers was the next thing in order, and the following were elected:

Moderator.—Rev. L. R. Pruett, 12th Street.

Clerk.—W. M. Lyles, 12th Street.

Treasurer.—C. S. Holton, Olivet.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Order of Business.—Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Chairman, Rev. D. W. Thomason, Rev. W. B. Renfrow.

Finance.—S. L. Mullen, Chairman, J. F. Mosteller, E. J. Funderburk.

Time, Place and Preacher:—Rev. J. L. Shinn, Chairman, F. A. Hawkins, R. J. Mitchell.

The Moderator recognized several visiting brothers, and each of them spoke a few words of encouragement to the Association as follows:—Rev. J. B. Boone, Thomasville, Rev. O. L. Stringfield, Raleigh; Rev. J. W. Cobb, Lumber Bridge; Rev. E. M. Brooks, Pee Dee; Rev. C. B. Justice, Rutherfordton.

The Committee on order of business made the following report, and same accepted;

THURSDAY P. M.

8 p. m. Devotional Exercises.

8:15 Report on Education.

8:30 Address on Education. Rev. O. L. Stringfield.

FRIDAY AUG. 24th.

9:30 Devotional Exercises.

10:00 Report on Home Missions.

11:00 Report on Perodicals.

Adjournment.

3:00 Devotional Exercises.

3:30 Report on Sunday-schools.

4:30 Miscellaneous business.

Adjournment.

8:00 Devotional Exercises.

8:15 Report on Orphanage.

Adjournment.

SATURDAY, AUG. 25th.

9:30 Devotional Exercise.
10:00 Report Ministers Relief.
11:00 Report on State Missions.
12:00 Miscellaneous Business.
Adjournment.
3:00 Devotional Exercises.
3:30 Report on Foreign Missions.
Adjournment.
8:00 Address on Education.

Motion made to adjourn until 8 p. m., and carried. Benediction by Rev. J. W. Cobb.

THURSDAY 8 P. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. B. Renfrow after which the report on Education was made by Rev. J. L. Shinn as follows:

At no time in the history of our State have we seen such wide spread interest in the education of our people.

The State has put itself under obligation to provide ample advantages for its six hundred thousand children to the end that the charge of illiteracy cannot remain much longer against our State. We heartily urge that the people make the greatest possible use of the public schools.

It is a source of great joy to us that many of our Associations have established Academies within their borders, and that other Academy Schools are under the control of Baptist men and women.

It means no little, that there is a growing demand for Godly competent teachers for all our schools and colleges. While Education is not Christianity, we have learned that sanctified Education is the hand maid of Christianity.

OUR COLLEGES.

There is no agency that has done more for our prosperity as a denomination than Wake Forest College.

We are exceedingly grateful that it is inferior to no college in the South for our young men; that it has powerful witnesses all over our land in the person or preachers, teachers and men of influence in all the professions. There are no just reasons why

any young man who is a Baptist should attend any other school or college , than our own Wake Forest College.

The financial inducements held out to our young men by other schools and colleges to secure their patronage, we denounce as both unnecessary and unworthy. We say this because, we are amply able to provide all the aid our young men may need. No young man has ever been turned away from Wake Forest College because of his poverty. We have for our poor young men a loan fund, and for our indigent young ministers, we have sixteen hundred Baptist Churches which provide money for their board.

Baptist Female University.

Through the toils and prayers of thousands of our people we have two large buildings in the heart of the city of Raleigh, well furnished where two hundred and fifteen young women enjoyed superior advantages the first year of its history.

This property is easily worth one hundred thousand dollars. There is a debt of about thirty thousand dollars which is a great hindrance to us. We urge our people to do their utmost, to pay this debt, and to provide other buildings for the large number of young women who are anxious to attend.

Five hundred young women would attend this school at an early day, if our people would provide room for them.

We have advantages at this school for our young women equal in every way to those we have for our young men at Wake Forest. For greater reasons we urge that our people send their daughters to the Baptist Female University.

During last year we aided thirty-one young women. Thirty-three young women who could attend no other college will be there the 5th day of September.

Thus, under God, we are putting forth greater efforts that our young women may be cultured for service in the Lords Kingdom.

J. L. Shinn, Committee.

Report received and was ably discussed by Rev. J. L. Shinn and Rev. O. L. Stringfield, after which it was adopted.

The committee on "time, place and preacher made the following report, and same received and adopted:

Time at 11:00 a. m., Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August 1901.

Place.—First Baptist church, Concord, N. C.

Preacher.—Rev. D. M. Austin, Charlotte, N. C.

Alternate.—Rev. A. W. Wilcox, Mt. Mourne, N. C.

Motion made to adjourn until 9:30 Friday morning, carried and Benediction pronounced by Rev. B. W. Spillman.

FRIDAY AUG. 25th, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional exercises for 30 minutes by Rev. J. L. Shinn, after which the regular order of busines was taken up.

Letters were read from Arlington, Long Creek and Rock Hill Churches, and Messengers duly enrolled.

The report on Home Missions was made as follows: The very name, "Home Missions," makes an appeal to our love of country and people. He is a poor citizen, and worse Christian who does not desire the happiness and well being of the "Home Land" so of all the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, this makes the strongest appeal to the benevolence of our churches.

The Home Mission Board is located in Atlanta, and has for its purpose the extension of the cause of the Master throughout the southland. Where state boards cannot provide for all the destitute, the Atlanta board proffers to aid, but it is especially to look after the growing towns and cities along our frontier.

In this way it has done a very fine work in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Indian Territory. The board has also under its care, the giving of the Gospel to the Cubans. While we have not heard much of late about the work in Cuba, still it moves on steadily, and there is little ground to question the stability of the work being done.

At the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, this board was charged with the responsibility of the 20th Century Fund, that is to receive from our churches a large sum of money for Missions and Education.

Beyond question we ought to put unto the treasuries of our boards, large sums of money, wherewith to meet the demands of the coming Century.

We have been "playing" at Missions long enough, and it is time for us to wake up, and work earnestly for the evangelization of the world.

It ought to be said that under the business like, and aggressive management of Rev. Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, the new Secretary for Home Missions, the work is being enlarged and systematized.

The motto of the board is "enlargement" and the Baptists of this Association, where the Baptist cause is so weak, are the very people to be in sympathy with this matter, and we urge every church, and every member of the various churches, to give liberally to the work of Home Missions.

A. C. Barron, Committee.

Motion to receive the report made and carried and was discussed by Dr. Barron and Rev. D. M. Austin after which it was adopted, and pledges taken to the amount of $180.

The Moderator recognized several visiting brothers, and each spoke a few words to the Association in the order named. Rev. R. T. Vann, D. D., Raleigh, N. C. Rev. W. L. Walker Huntersville, N. C. Evangelist, W. N. Flanders, Winston, N. C. and Bro. R. H. Newton, Mooresville, N. C.

The report on periodicals was to be made by Rev. W. J. Wyatt but in his absence no report was made, but the subject was ably discussed by Rev. C. B. Justice, Rev. J. W. Cobb and Dr. A. C. Barron.

At this time Rev. B. W. Spillman, field Secretary of the Sunday-school work in North Carolina, appeared before the Association and requested a messenger from each church to come forward and receive blank for Sunday-school report, and the clerk requested to call the roll of churches, and each one responded.

The clerk stated that the minute fund as reported by Finance Committee was not sufficient to have enough copies, and motion made that the matter would be taken up during the afternoon session. Motion made to adjourn, and the entire body engaged in singing the Long Meter Doxology, and benediction pronounced by Dr. Vann.

Friday Afternoon 3:00 P. M.

Devotional exercises for thirty minutes conducted by Rev. W. T. Talbirt after which the Moderator called the body to order, and motion made to take up the Minute Fund matter, and

clerk instructed to call roll of churches and $18.85 additional was raised, making a total of $24.15

The report on Sunday-schools was made by W. M. Lyles as follows:

"There has never been a time in the history of our work in North Carolinia when there was such necessity for greater activity than at this time.

There was a time when Sunday-schools, especially in the rural districts, were of secondary importance, but such is not the case today. The great army of children within our bounds appeal to us. The great duties we owe as parents confront us. The great future of these boys and girls appeal to us. Their salvation must be looked after, and there is no better way than to give them spiritual training in the Sunday-school

If there is one here who questions the good accomplished by the noble, untiring efforts of the great army of Sunday-school workers in our midst, let me ask him to look out into the future, when these, who are now in our Sunday-schools, reach the age of maturity, and commence their voyage of life over life's tempestuous sea, and he will there, see men and women, brought up in the fear of the Lord, and who are prepared to meet any emergency that may arise, because of the superior training received in our Sunday-schools.

Would that every parent could see and realize the great responsibility along this line.

I am glad to report a gain in attendance in our bounds during this year. Four churches have schools that did not have them last year, while two reported schools last year that make no report at this time. I am glad to report a net gain of 103 over last year, and I hope that this number may be much larger at our next meeting.

I want to emphasize the importance of more thorough organization in our Association. Let us, as we go to our respective homes, take back such enthusiasm and interest that will lead us to do greater things for the Master along this line.

Let those who are officers and teachers renew their alligance to the cause, and use every endeavor to advance the Spiritual welfare of those who they are striving to teach spiritual things.

The great fact confronts us to day, that we, as Christians,

are not utilizing the great opportunities that are being afforded us, in that we are negligent in the Spiritual training that the Sunday-school gives. Let us awake to the conditions that exist and each representative of the Master take renewed interest, and grasp each opportunity, as it comes to us, to bring our boys and girls into the fold through the Sunday-schools, and I recommend that every church in our Association be more attentive to the Sunday-schools work, and to those churches that have no schools, let me urge you to plant one at once, and not neglect the children under your care, and give them that spiritual training they are entitled to receive, and when we come up next year, I trust every church in our bounds may have a live, wide-awake Sunday-school, sowing seed that will bring forth good fruit. W. M. Lyles, Committee.

Upon motion the report was received, and was ably and forcibly discussed by Rev. B. W. Spillman, Field Secretary of the Sunday-school work in North Carolina after which the report was adopted.

Upon motion of Rev. B. Lacy Hoge it was decided to hold a Sunday-school Convention in each county, Mecklenburg and Cabarrus, time to be named by Rev. B. W. Spillman.

The Moderator recognized Dr. John Mitchell of Wake Forest College, and Brother Archibald Johnson, Editor "Charity and Children."

Dr. Mitchell spoke earnestly and forcibly in regard to Ministers Relief Fund and was followed by Dr. Vann in a most forceful manner, after which the clerk called the roll of churches for pledges for same and $50.50 was pledged.

Treasurer C. S. Holton made his report and same received and adopted.

The pastors of the Baptist Churches of the city are named as a Committee on Religious Exercises. Motion made and carried to adjourn until 8:15 p. m., and Hymn No. 49, Gospel Hymns, was sung and Benediction was pronounced by Dr. Mitchell.

Friday Evening Aug. 24th,

8:15. The Association called to order and all joined in singing Hymn No. 172, "All to Christ I Owe" after which Dr. Mitchell led in prayer, and the regular order of business was

taken up and the report on Orphanage made by Dr. Barron as follows:

Resolved 1st. "The worth and work of our Orphanage at Thomasville should be a matter of profound thanksgiving to the Baptist people of North Carolina. We commend it to the liberality of the churches and schools of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association.

Its needs were never greater, and its outlook never more hopeful.

Resolved, 2nd. That the proposed Mills Memorial building is an absolute necessity for the proper training of the Orphans, and ought to be completed at once.

A. C. Barron, Committee.

The report was received and ably discussed by Rev. J. B. Boone and Bro. Archibald Johnson. Same adopted and clerk instructed to call the roll of churches for pledges to the Mills Memorial building, and pledges to the amount of $100 made, and a cash collection of $3.65 was taken.

It was suggested that the Association return thanks to the Lord for the liberal spirit of our people in their pledges, and the Moderator asked Dr. Vann to lead in this prayer, and after singing Hymn No 116 the body adjourned until 9:30 Saturday morning. Benediction by Rev. D. W. Thomason.

SATURDAY AUG. 25TH.

9:30. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. F. A. Hawkins for thirty minutes, after which the regular order of business was taken up, and the clerk requested to read the minutes of yesterday, and same received and adopted.

The report on the old Ministers Relief Fund was made by Rev, J. L. Shinn as follows: The spirit of the Gospel is to help the poor. A few of our old ministers and their widows belong to this class. These ministers have worn themselves out in the Master's work. As the sun is sinking in the West, and the shadows are growing larger, these dear old servants of God look to us for our greatest sympathy and help. Will we help them? "But who hath the worlds goods, and seeth his brother hath need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him." 1st John 3:17.

J. L. Shinn, Committee.

Report received and discussed by Mr. Shinn, Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Vann, and pledges taken to the amount of $50.50. report adopted.

Rev. J. J. McLendon was recognized and came forward and presented letter from Pleasant Plains Church, and he was duly enrolled as Messenger. Pledges for Mills Memorial Building from churches that did not respond last night was called for and $11.00 additional secured.

Under head of miscellaneous business a motion was made by Dr. A. C. Barron, and carried, that the Moderator, at the next session of the association, present "The duties of Messengers at the Association."

The report on State Missions was made by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge as follows: "The church that is not Missionary in deed and in truth, is failing to fulfil the command of the Master. "To go into all the World and Preach the Gospel to every Creature."

There is no part of the Mission work that is more important than that of State Missions, and the rapid increase of the population in the towns and cities of the State, demand that we enlarge our Mission forces, and to do this we must increase our contributions to this work. We therefore recommend that each church increase its pledge at least one third."

B. Lacy Hoge, Committee.

The report received and discussed by Mr. Hoge, Rev. D. W. Thomason, Dr. A. C. Barron and Rev. C. B. Justice, and same adopted and pledges taken to the amount of $534.

Pledges for the Orphanage were called for and clerk called roll of churches and $134.50 was pledged.

The Finance Committee made report and same accepted.

Mr. W. C. Dowd, Chairman of Committee to locate an Associational school within our bounds appeared before the Association with two propositions for locating said school; one from Newell, N, C., other from Arlington, N. C. Mr. Dowd made the following report:

"Your Committee appointed to consider the advisability of establishing a high school for this Association beg leave to submit for your consideration, the following proposition: After due consideration of all questions involved, we recommend that this Association establish and conduct a first class high school

at Arlington, N. C., provided the people of that community will furnish suitable buildings and grounds for same. Respectfully submitted. W. C. Dowd, Chairman of Committee.

Report received and motion made by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, and carried that discussion of same be deferred until the afternoon session.

Motion to adjourn until 3 p. m., carried, and Hymn No 141 was sung after which Benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. B. Justice.

Saturday Afternoon.

3:00. Thirty minutes Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. T. V. Talbirt after which the Moderator called the body to order, and the special order was taken up and report on Foreign Missions made by Brother D. Allen Tedder as follows, and same received.

Report on Foreign Missions.

The great events now transpiring in China, bring forcibly to our attention the need of special activity in the Foreign Mission fields. The unswerving fidelity to the Master displayed by the Foreign converts under persecution hardly second to those suffered by the Apostles of old, shows us that the labors of our Missionaries have not been in vain.

Christ gave us the commandment to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He promised to be with us and sustain us. The Baptists have been endeavoring to carry out this commandment and He has smiled upon our efforts and blessed them. Great progress is being made in all of our Foreign fields. For this we are grateful, and should resolve to be more aggressive in our efforts to evangelize the world than we have ever been before. To do this, funds are necessary, and we recommend that the pastors keep before their people the importance of the work of redeeming the world and urge them to give as largely as possible for its prosecution. Respectfully submitted, D. A. Tedder.

The report was eloquently discussed by Rev. C. B. Justice of Rutherfordton, N. C., and pledges to the amount of $156.00 taken, after which the report was adopted.

It was suggested that the discussion of the report on Associational school he entered into, and upon motion of Rev. B. Lacy

Hoge, the Committee authorized and empowered to make contracts with the people of Arlington for the erection of buildings and starting up schools. Dr. Barron thought it necessary to have one additional Educational Committeeman, and upon motion of Brother E. H. Williams, Brother F. M. Hinson was named as that member. Motion made by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge to adjourn until 8 p, m., carried and Benediction pronounced by Rev. D. M. Austin.

SATURDAY 8 P. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Brother D. Allen Tedder for thirty minutes after which the Moderator called the Association to order and Rev. B. Lacy Hoge presented a letter from the Womans Central Committee of Missions, and asked that same be printed in Minutes. The letter reads as follows:

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 20th, 1900.

TO MECKLENBURG AND CABARRUS ASSOCIATION.

It is with great pleasure that the Woman's Central Committee of Missions reports to your body the most successful year in its history. For sometime past it has been our custom to take an aim and motto for the year, and to bend our energies towards fulfilling these. In 1899 the Woman's Missionary Societies of North Carolina determined to endeavor to raise $7,500. When we gathered in our annual meeting last December we were greatly gratified to find that we had far over shot our mark, and instead of $7,500 reported more than $8,700. Encouraged by this, the Societies have taken for their aim in 1900, the raising of $9,500 for Foreign, Home and State Missions. Our motto for the year is, Increase in Faith, Knowledge and Works. To reach our aim and fulfill our motto, we are urging upon all the Societies, Bible study, the reading of Mission books, and increase in liberality. We have every reason to believe that the close of the 19th Century will see this work far in advance of what we would have dared to hope for it ten years ago.

We desire to thank those brethren who have co-operated with us in making the woman's Mission work of North Carolina what it is, and would respectfully ask the aid of all interested in the furtherance of Christ's kingdom through mission efforts.

Of the twenty-two churches in your Association six reported through the Central Committee as follows:

Tryon Street, Charlotte	$374.77
Young People's Band, Charlotte	101.00
Concord	1.50
Concord Cheerful Workers	14.28
Friendship	4.50
Sb. 12th Street, Charlotte	10.00
	$506.05

Constitutions and other material for the organization of women's and children's Mission Societies will gladly be sent free on application to Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, Raleigh, N. C.

The Moderator made the following appointments to report at next session of the Association.

State Missions.—Rev. D. W. Thomason.
Home Missions—Rev. B. Lacy Hoge.
Foreign Missions—Rev. A. C. Barron, D. D.
Education—Rev. D. M. Austin.
Orphanage—Rev. W. T. Talbirt.
Ministers Relief Fund—Rev. S. W. Bennett.

Resolution offered by Brother Archibald Johnson as follows: Resolved, "That this Association return its heart-felt thanks to the people of this city for the generous hospitality and warm Christian fellowship, they have so freely bestowed upon the members of this Association." The Association also extended a vote of thanks to the city papers for their full and complete reports of the deliberations of their sessions.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The hour having arrived for the further discussion of the Baptist Female University, and Dr. R. T. Vann was introduced by the Moderator, after which he delivered a very able and instructive address on education, and showed to all the great possibilities in our Baptist Female University. "The pride of the Baptists of this State."

The Moderator announced that the hour of adjournment had come, but said the Century Day exercises would be held tomorrow as per programme announced, and proceedings of same would be embodied in Minutes of the Association.

Motion made to adjourn, and it was suggested that all engage in singing, "Blest be the Ties that Binds," and while the entire audience was singing, the Association indulged in a good old

fashioned hand shake, which seemed to refresh every one present.

The Moderator announced that after Benediction by Rev. Dr. Vann, the Association would stand adjourned to meet at Concord, N. C., Thursday, August 22nd 1901, at 11 o'clock a. m. Benediction by Dr. Vann.

"Century Day Services," Sunday Aug. 26th.

10:30 a. m. Devotional exercises for thirty minutes conducted by Bro. G. B. Pruitt, of Ellenboro, N. C., in which a large number took part, and was a season of great refreshing to all present. At 11 o'clock the pastor announced that in accordance with programme published that we would observe this as Century Day, and announced that the first speaker would be Rev. C. B. Justice, who would speak to us on "Progress of Baptist Missions during the last Century, and in handling this board subject, the speaker surpassed himself. Brother Justice spoke for 50 minutes, and held the large congregation spell bound as he pictured our condition one hundred years ago, and on down during the Century, and up to the present time. This address will long be remembered by those who heard it, and we know it will result in an advanced idea and practice in Mission work. Our Association is to be congratulated in securing Bro. Justice to tell them about Missions, for he is in deed and in truth a strong advocate and believer in Mission work.

The next speaker was Brother Archibald Johnson who told us about "Our Denominational growth during the last Century." Brother Johnson who is always an attractive forceful speaker was at his best and gave information that will do the cause we love a great deal of good. He spoke of the few Baptists within our bounds one hundred years ago and pictured to us all along the years how our number had grown until to-day we stand as a mighty bulwark against the enemy, and are marching on, fighting under our Lord's command. "Go ye into all the World and preach the Gospel." After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," the congregation was dismissed by prayer, by Brother J. C. Caddell.

Sunday 3:00 P. M.

Devotional exercises for 30 minutes conducted by the Sunday-school superintendent, Bro. W. M. Lyles, at 3:30. Brother J. C.

Caddell spoke on "The Sunday-school as a factor in our Denominational growth," and gave us a splendid talk, and was followed by Dr. John Mitchell who spoke earnestly and eloquently and made a deep impression on the entire audience as he told us the "Best Methods of Sunday-school work."

The next speaker was Dr. A. C. Barron, who presented "The Bible in the Sunday-school." The Dr. in his usual happy style showed the great importance of Bible study, and we will see results from his splendid effort.

The entire gathering engaged in singing Hymn No. 127, "Cling to the Bible," after which we were dismissed by prayer by Rev. D. W. Thomason.

8 p. m. The church was crowded to utmost capacity to hear what Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, and Rev. D. M. Austin had to say about "what should be the special aims of the Denomination for the Century to come."

These brethren fully sustained their position, and they presented the subject in a most splendid manner, and nothwithstanding the crowded house, and extremely hot weather the audience was held closely as they listened to the great plans outlined for our work for the Century to come.

The Moderator made a most excellent closing address, and made especial reference to the great good that had been accomplished by the Association, having met with 12th Street Church, and spoke encouragingly of the bright future before the Baptists of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Associaton. His address was well received, and after singing that old Hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," we were dismissed by prayer, by Rev. D. W. Thomason.

W. M. Lyles, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors and their Addresses.	Clerks and their Addresses.	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Male Membership.	Female Membership.	Total Membership.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity of Church.	No. Bib. Rec'r's taken.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor Fund.	Total Expense and Contribution.	Grand Total Church and S. S. Expenses.	Repairs.
Arlington	C. J. Black, Big Lick	W. A. Connell, Arlington	22	....	8	30	5	5	1	11	82	92	174	$.....	.....	..	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$20 00
Chaney's Hill	.....	.....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clear Creek	C. J Black, Big Lick	L. A. Ferguson, Brief	6	....	2	8	1	..	1	2	35	63	98	800 00	500	..	50 00	6 50	2 95	.....	.....	.....
Cold Water	B. Lacy Hoge, Concord	T. W. Talbirt, Concord	..	....	..	..	2	2	..	4	33	39	72	500 00	300	2	60 00	1 75	.....	89 65	181 10	40
Concord	B. Lacy Hoge, Concord	R. F. Byrd, Concord	5	39	..	44	9	3	3	15	135	135	270	5000 00	600	16	262 50	72 50	20 00	1251 13	1320 86	94 32
Davidson Mission	.....	.....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Friendship	D. M. Austin, Charlotte	W. D. Mitchell, Lodo	1	1	..	2	1	..	1	2	16	27	43	325 00	300	2	100 00	7 00	.....	119 96	124 96	.....
Hopewell	W. J. Wyatt, Perth	H. D. Winecoff, Caldwell	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	61	103	.....	300	8	150 00	1 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Howells	.....	.....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Huntersville	J. L. Shinn, Mooresville	S. L. Mullen, Huntersville	..	2	..	2	3	..	1	4	8	16	24	150 00	.....	2	35 00	.....	.....	59 46	.....	.....
Independence Hill	C. L. Flowers, Wingate	J. R McCurdy, Eastfield	1	....	..	1	..	..	1	1	16	30	46	500 00	300	2	40 00	3 25	.....	52 25	55 25	.....
Long Creek	D W. Thomason, Belmont	R. C. Beaty, Mt. Island	1	....	..	1	2	..	1	3	12	18	30	600 00	250	..	50 00	.....	.....	57 00	60 00	.....
Matthews	S. W. Bennett, Lilesville	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	1	5	1	7	3	4	1	8	57	76	133	3500 00	400	4	135 00	.....	10 00	214 00	229 00	.....
Newell	.....	.....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olivet	D. W. Thomason, Belmont	D. P. Brissie, Charlotte	10	8	..	18	6	..	..	6	30	58	88	2500 00	350	9	184 60	10 75	.....	215 82	226 67	.....
Phaniels	W. T. Talbirt, Concord	J. M. Funderburk, Rimer	2	....	..	2	3	2	..	5	19	26	45	250 00	250	6	47 00	.....	.....	55 75	57 91	.....
Pleasant Plains	A. B. Caudle, Wingate	J. R. McLendon, Indian Trail	..	2	3	5	..	2	1	3	37	44	81	750 00	300	2	85 00	45 00	4 00	141 00	147 00	.....
Rock Hill	B. F. Hargett, Charlotte	A. D. Crisco, Concord	..	....	..	..	8	..	2	10	27	37	64	.....	150	..	.....	.....	.....	3 00	9 00	.....
Tryon Street	Dr. A. C. Barron, Charlotte	J. A. Durham, Charlotte.	31	34	4	69	25	..	3	28	250	267	517	.....	.....	..	2000 00	6 00	45 50	3439 60	3957 80	.....
12th Street	L. R. Pruett, Charlotte	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	7	34	1	42	17	..	2	19	72	157	229	2000 00	360	..	370 08	55 15	9 36	436 59	494 94	.....
Wilson's Grove	B. F. Hargett, Charlotte	H. M. Watts, Hoods	7	....	3	10	3	..	1	4	66	63	129	400 00	500	..	100 00	35 00	1 30	125 00	127 50	.....
Total	.....	.....	91	125	22	..	88	18	19	..	937	1209	2146	$17,275 00	4850	53	$3668 68	$243 90	$98 01	$4734 24	$8112 39	.....

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PAID IN.								PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR.							
	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Education.	Ministers Relief.	Minutes.	Total.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Mills Memorial Hall.	Education.	Ministers Relief.	Total.
Arlington	$.....	$.....	$1 00	$.....	$.....	$.....	$1 35	$2 35	$ 4 00	$ 6 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$.....	$1 00	$1 00	$ 22 00
Chaney's Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clear Creek	.....	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 36	3 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	17 00
Cold Water	.....	.....	10 00	2 50	.....	.....	50	13 00	2 00	5 00	10 00	3 00	1 00	3 00	3 00	27 00
Concord	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	15 00	15 00	40 00	36 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	131 00
Davidson Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	1 00	.....	.....	2 00	1 00	1 00	10 00
Friendship	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	75	5 00	7 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	34 00
Hopewell	2 50	1 00	1 50	1 50	.....	1 50	50	8 50	5 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	20 00
Howells	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Huntersville	5 00	.....	.....	5 24	1 00	1 00	50	12 74	5 00	1 00	6 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	22 00
Independence Hill	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 28	.....	.....	1 00	6 28	3 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	.....	2 00	1 00	12 00
Long Creek	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	50	4 50	2 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	13 00
Matthews	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	7 00	10 00	15 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	48 00
Newell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olivet	.....	.....	5 50	.....	.....	.....	55	6 05	5 00	5 00	10 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	26 00
Phaniels	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	75	2 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	13 00
Pleasant Plains	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	50	5 50	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	8 00
Rock Hill	50	50	50	1 00	.....	.....	20	2 70	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Tryon Street	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	75 00	100 00	400 00	60 00	45 00	25 00	25 00	730 00
12th Street	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	10 00	10 00	15 00	2 50	10 00	2 50	2 50	52 50
Wilson's Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	1 00	.....	21 00
Dr. A. C. Barron	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....
H. A. Cook	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....
W. F Dowd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....
W. N. Flanders	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Cheerful Workers, 12th Street	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Young People's Union, Tryon St.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Cash Collection	.....	.....	.....	3 65	.....	.....	4 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	$11 00	$4 86	$23 50	$12 52	$2 00	$2 50	$24 15	$76 50	$156 00	$180 00	$534 00	$139 50	$111 00	$59 50	$50 50	$1207 50

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPTS. AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	No. Officers & Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Baptisms from School.	No of Quarterlies Taken.	Copies Charity & Children.	No. of Volumes in Library.	Contributions.	School Expenses.	Months Open.
Arlington	F. M. Hinson. Arlington	5	70	75			75			$10.00		8
Chaneys Hill	[Store											
Clear Creek	James Williams, Coburns	6	40	46	35	3						
Cold Water	J. W. Connell, Concord	5	30	35	20		24			1.00	80	
Concord	L. A. Talbirt, Concord	13	127	140	90	3	214	60	64	40.71	69.73	
Davidson Mission												
Friendship	W. D. Mitchell, Lodo.	7	35	42	30	1	75	10		5.00	6.00	
Hopewell	Noah Winecoff, Davidson	5	45	50	35		40				2.25	
Howells												
Huntersville												
Independence Hill	J. R. Atkins, Croft	5	25	30	20		30				3.00	
Long Creek	C. A. Caldwell, Mt. Holly	3	20	23			40				3.00	
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	10	105	115	70		150			3.00	12.00	
Newell												
Olivet	C. S. Holton, Charlotte	8	70	78	45		100			17.00	10.85	
Phaniels	C. W. Propst, Yost	12	125	137	52				60	9.00	2.16	
Pleasant Plains	W. S. Paxton, Matthews	6	60	66	40		300				6.00	
Rock Hill	H. L. Helms, Kindley	7	65	72	35		76				6.00	
Tryon Street	I W. Durham, Charlotte	20			175		1640		300	518.20	518.20	
12th Street	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	14	175	189	104		350				58.35	
Wilson Grove	W. R. Small, Hornet	4	58	62	40						2.50	
	Total.	130	1050	1180	791	7	3115	70	424	602.91	190.84	8

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The Next Session will be Held at Matthews, N. C., Beginning Thursday, August 21st, at 11 A. M.

Introductory Sermon by

Rev. Walter H. Dodd, ... Charlotte, N. C.

Alternate:

Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, ... Concord, N. C.

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Rev. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord, N. C., Alternate.

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Rev. Walter H. Dodd, Charlotte, N. C.
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Report of Association.

CONCORD, N. C., August 22nd, 1901.

The 16th annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association met with the First Baptist Cchurch of Concord at 11 a. m., with the Moderator Rev. L. R. Pruett in the chair.

The Moderator announced that the introductory sermon would be preached by Rev. D. M. Austin, of Charlotte.

After singing hymn No. 567, and prayer by Dr. A. C. Barron, Bro. Austin took his text from 1st Samuel, 4th chapter, 9th verse, "Be Strong and Quit Yourself Like Men," and preached a most excellent sermon. The Association was led in prayer by the Moderator, after which he announced that an adjournment would be had until 2.30 p. m., at which time a permanent organization would be effected. Benediction by Dr. Barron.

Evening Session.

The Association called to order, and hymn No. 585 sung, and prayer by Bro. D. F. Helmn, after which the roll call of churehes was made, and the following responded,and delegates were enrolled as follows·

Arlington—E. H. Williams, E. H. Hinson, J. M. Phillips.
Chaneys Hill---Not represented.
Clear Creek—L. A. Ferguson, H. W. Pigg.
Cold Water—J. W. Austin, W. W. Talbirt, C. F. Faggert, L. M. Fisher, J. D. Smith, J. B. Talbirt.
Concord—R. P. Lentz, J. W. Collett, J. D. McLester, B. McLester, W. J. Black, A. H. March, F. P. Smith, J. A. Clayton, J. D. Springer, Thos. Hopkins.
Davidson Mission—Rev. J. L. Shinn.
Friendship—R. J. Mitchell, S. Q. Garrison.
Hopewell—G. M. Winecoff, A. P. Sweet.
Howells—H. T. Stowe.
Huntersville—F. A. Hawkins.
Independence Hill—J. R. McCurdy.
Long Creek—J. S. Underwood, F. F. Beaty.
Matthews—J. C. Helms, T. J. Renfrow.
Newells—Not represented
Olivet—J. B. Johnson, U. T. Bowden, C. S. Holton.
Phaniels—W. A. Yost, H. J. Heilig.
Pleasant Plains—Not represented.
Rock Hill—A. D. Crisco.
Tryon Street—C. T. Stroupe, Gerald Hurt, Dr. A. C. Barron,
12th Street—Rev. L. R. Pruett, Rev. S. F. Conrad, W. M. Lyles, T. J. Sprinkle, Theo. Merton Alexander.
Wilson Grove—Not represented.

A request from the church at Belmont was presented, asking to become a member of this Association, and same referred to a committee as follows: Rev. W. J. Wyatt, E. H. Hinson and E. P. Smith.

The Moderator announced that the next thing in order would be the permanent organization, and upon motion of Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Rev. L. R. Pruett was unanimously elected as Moderator.

Bro. W. M. Lyles was elected as Clerk and Bro. T. J. Renfrow was chosen as Treasurer.

The Moderator recognized the following visitors: Rev. J. W. Cobb, "Pibical Recorder;" Rev. Livingstone Johnston, Corresponding Secretary; Bro. Archibald Johnston, "Charity and Children;" Bro. Godwin of the South Yadkin Association, and Rev. Mr. Gilliam of the Presbyterian Church of Concord.

The Moderator announced that the next thing in order would be the subject of the State Missions, and in the absence of Rev. D. W. Thomasson, who was to make this report, Rev. B. Lacy Hoge was requested to make same, as follows:

Resolved: That each church in the Association increase their pledges to State Mission.

The resolution wasreceived, and was ably discussed by Rev. Livingstone Johnston, who gave the Association a most excellent address, and showed the great good accomplished by the State Mission Board. His address was well received. A collection was taken and $5.54 realized. Prayer by Dr. Barron.

The roll of churches was called, and $659.50, pledged for State Mission. (See table).

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Order of business—Rev. J. L. Shinn, U. T. Bowden, Theo. Merton Alexander.

Finance—F. T. Beaty, J. R. McCurdy, W. A. Yost.

Time, Place end Preacher—Gerald Hurt, H. W. Pigg, S. Q. Garrison.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this church.

Rev. R. T. Vann, D. D., President of The Baptist Female University, was recognized by the Moderator, and made a few remarks very much to the delight of the Association. Rev. S. F. Conrad announced that he was representing The North Carolina Baptist, and asked for subscribers to same.

The Moderator appointed Rev. G. W. Reed to make report on Ministers Relief Fund, in place of Rev. S. W. Bennett, who was appointed at last session of the Association, but was unable to be present.

The Clerk called attention to the fact that at the last Association the Moderator had failed to make an appointment to report on Periodicals, and Rev. Walter H. Dodd was selected to make this report.

Motion was made by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge that the Executive Committee be, and are hereby empowered to appoint a committee in each church to look after Missions, etc., etc.; and same carried.

Hymn No. 11 was sung and benediction pronounced by Rev. Livingstone Johnston, and an adjournment had until 8 p. m.

Evening Session.

The Association met at 8 p. m., and devotional exercises conducted by Rev. G. W. Reed.

The Moderator introduced Dr. Vann, President B. F. U., who gave the Association one of his best addresses, and made every member of the Association proud that we have such an institution, where we can have our young women educated. Dr. Vann is a great favorite with the masses, and he was heard with a great deal of pleasure.

The speaker referred to the fact that he was trying to raise a fund of $1,000.00 to use as a loan to poor girls, who are not able to pay their way through college, and upon motion, a collection was taken for this purpose, and $4.08 realized.

The Moderator requested Rev. B. W. Spillman to make report on Sunday Schools. The committe on Order of Business made following report:

Friday, August 23rd.

9.30 Devotional Exercises.
10 a. m. Report on Periodicals.
11 a. m. Report on Foreign Missions.
Adjourn at will.
2.30 p. m. Devotional Exercises.
3.00 p. m. Report on State of Churches.
4.30 p. m. Miscellaneous Business.
Adjourn at will.
8.00 p. m. Devotional Exercises.
8.15 p. m. Report on Orphanage.
Adjourn at will.

Saturday, August 25th.

9.30 a. m. Devotional Exercises.
10.00 a. m. Report on Ministerial Relief.
11.00 a. m. Report on Home Missions.
Adjourn at will.
2.30 p. m. Devotional Exercises.
3.00 p. m. Report on Education.
4.00 p. m. Miscellaneous business.
Adjourn at will.
8.00 p. m. Devotional Exercises.
8.15 p. m. Report on Sunday Schools.
Adjourn at will.

The committee on Time, Place and Preacher made following report:

Time—Third Thursday in August next, beginning at 11 o'clock a. m.

Place—Matthews, N. C.

Preacher—Rev. Walter H. Dodd, Charlotte, N. C.

Alternate—Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord, N. C.

The reports were received.

The entire Association joined in sining hymn No. 473, and Dr. Vann pronounced the benediction and an adjournment taken until 9.30 tomorrow.

Friday, August 3rd.

9.30 a. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. L. Shinn, after which the Moderator announced that the Association was ready to take up the regular order of business. The minutes of yesterday read and with some slight corrections were approved.

Rev. D. M. Austin called the attention of the Association to the fact that the committee on Time, Place and Preacher had evidently over looked the fact that their report makes the date of next session the 28th day of August, which would embrace the 5th Sunday, the time for our Union Meeting, and upon motion of Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, the vote was reconsidered, and the following amendment offered:

Resolved: That the time of meeting shall be Thursday after third Sunday in August next. The resolution adopted.

The Moderator announced that the next subject to be discussed would be Periodicals, and Rev. Walter H. Dodd made the following report:

Resolved 1: That we should be a reading people,"Reading Mak-

eth a Full Man." Ignorance is the mother of sin, crime and infamy We must fortify our camp with the bulwarks of knowledge.

2nd: That our inactivity and atrophy are due to our lack of information. We do not support Missions because we do not know the needs. We have three of the best papers in the South. We commend the "Recorder" as the Organ of our denomination. We endorse "The North Carolina Baptist" as being true to Baptist principles, and we commend "Charity and Children," and would be glad to see it in every home in North Carolina.

The report received.

Rev. S. F. Conrad saated that he objected to the clause in report "Ignorance is the Mother of Sin, Crime and Infamy."

Rev. J. W. Cobb, of the "Recorder," was recognized by the Moderator, and discussed the resolution, and presented the claims the "Recorder" had upon the Baptist of North Carolina .

Rev. S. F. Conrad, of the "North Carolina Baptist," gave the Association a splendid address on the report.

Bro. Archibald Johnston, of "Charity and Children," was recognized by the Moderator and presented this paper to the Association and made a most splendid address and urged every Baptist famliy to provide themselves with all the religious literature possible.

The report was adopted. The entire body then sung that old, but ever inspiring hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' Name,"after which the report on Foreign Missions was made by Dr. Barron, as follows:

"The day is past in which to argue the duty of American Christians to carry the gospel to our fellow men who dwell in the darkness of heathendom. Our fathers fought that battle, and did it well.

They laid broad the foundation for Foreign Missions. Our duty is to carry forward the work so nobly begun.

The Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., was appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention as a sort of Central committee to aid our churches in carrying on this work. It has no authority over the church, is simply their committee to carry out their instructions.

Each convention has sought to enlarge on the work of their predecessors, and thus there has been a steady growth of our forces of laborers in Foreign lands. The last convention in May, directed the Board, speedily as possible to send out 25 new missionaries. Many of these appointees are now ready to sail, and will be off as soon as the money is provided by the churches.

From every section of the Foreign Mission fields come encouraging reports of deep interest, and many conversions and baptisms. Never were the additions more frequent and valuable. Even in disturbed China, the outlook is encouraging.

Your committee is impressed with the fact that many of our people do little or nothing for Foreign Missions. We beg to suggest some things which we believe would serve to awaken more interest.

1st: Our pastors, who are the leaders in every good wark, need to become more thoroughly acquainted with this work. They ought to preach oftener on Foreign Missions to their churches. To do this inteligently, they must study more the literature which is being published by the Board, and we urge them to send and receive a supply, which will be supplied freely.

2nd: We beg also to suggest that we need more prayer for both the Board and our Missionaries. They ought to be prayed for in the family circle, in the prayer meeting, Sunday school and

church. We believe it would be well to revive the old concert of prayer for Foreign Missions when we meet together to study about the fields and workers, and to supplicate God's blessing on them.

If we come to know the workers and their difficulties, we will be more interested in them, and feel like praying for thm, and giving to their support."

Report received.

Dr. Barron was recognized by the Moderator, and discussed the report and presented the claims of Foreign Missions in a very forceful manner, and urged greater activity, and asked that we pray continually for the spread of the gospel among the heathen nations.

Rev. Walter H. Dodd spoke earnestly on the report, and requested a special prayer, asking God to give us a man from this Association to go to Foreign fields. Dr. Barron led in this prayer.

Pledges for this work were called for, and $698.50 pledged. The report adopted.

The committee appointed to interview the church at Belmont, Charlotte, reported favorably, and they were received as members with us, and were given a hearty welcome by the Moderator.

Letters from Cold Water and Rock Hill churches were read, and delegates duly enrolled. The Long Metre Doxology sung, and benediction by Rev. B. W. Spillman, and adjournment taken until 2.30 p. m.

Evening Session.

2.30 p. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. C. M. Murchison, after which the regular order of business was taken up. The "State of Churches" was the subject for discussion, and the following messengers reported for their respective churches:

Arlington—E. H. Hinson.
Belmont—D. F. Helms.
Chaneys Hill—Rev. W. T. Talbirt.
Clear Creek—L. A. Ferguson.
Cold Water—Rev. W. T. Talbirt, J. W. Connell.
Concord—Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, F. P. Smith, J. D. McLester.
Davidson Mission—Rev. J. L. Shinn.
Friendship—R. J. Mitchell.
Hopewell—A. P. Sweet.
Howells—J. L. McCurdy.
Huntersville—Rev. J. L. Shinn.
Independence Hill—J. L. McCurdy.
Long Creek—Rev. C. M. Murchison, F. T. Beaty.
Matthews—T. J. Renfrow, J. C. Helms.
Olivet—Rev. Walter H. Dodd, U. T. Bowden.
Phaniels—Rev. G. W. Reed.
Pleasant Plains—T. J. Renfrow.
Rock Hill—A. D. Crisco.
Tryon Street—Dr. A. C. Barron, Gerald Hurt.
12th Street—Rev. S. F. Conrad, W. M. Lyles.
Wilson's Grove—No response.

A motion made by Dr. Barron, that the Moderator appoint a committee of one, to visit the churches in the Association not represented here. Motion carried, and the Moderator announced that h would make the appointment before the Association adjourned.

The following resolution was presented by Bro. W. M. Lyles, and unanimously passed:

Be it Resolved: That in view of the fact that the Baptist

church at Newells, N. C., does not affiliate with the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association, that a committee of three be appointed to visit this church, and ascertain cause of their action in not affiliating with us, and to secure, if possible, their co-operation in the work we have to do, and to use all means to have them enlist, and be with us at the next session of the Association. The Moderator announced that he would name committee a little later.

The finance committee made report as follows:

We beg to report collections during the session of the Association, for the various objects as follows:

Foreign Missions	$13.00
Home Missions	11.40
State Missions	16.42
Orphanage	8.85
Education	5.75
Ministers Relief	7.50
Minute Fund	21.26
Total	$84.18

Bro. J. R. McCurdy asked the Associatian to excuse him ,as it was important for him to return home. The request was granted. The Moderator announced that an adjournment would be taken until 8.00 p. m.

Night Session.

8.00 p. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. T. J. Sprinkle, after which the Moderator announced that the regular order of business would be taken up, and the report on Orphanage made by Rev. W. T. Talbirt, but read by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, as follows:

"This year closed with 210 children in the Orphanage. During the year 245 were cared for. The healht record of the yar was remarkably good. The establishment of the water works system is the immediate and pressing need of the Orphanage. The outlook for the Orphanage was never brighter. More than 300 Sunday schools are giving a collection to this object, one Sunday in each month. We heartily commend this plan to every Sunday school in the Association."

The report received, and able addresses made by Bro. Archibald Johnston and Gen. T. F. Toon, after which pledges were made to this work to the amount of $193.00. The Moderator recognized Bro. Theo. Merton Alexander, who spoke feelingly as to the work of the Orphanage.

Upon motion of Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, the roll of churches was called, and pledges made for the completion of the water works at the Orphanage, to the amount of $96.00 and a cash collection, amounting to $4.47.

After singing that old sweet hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and benediction by Rev. J. W. Cobb, adjournment was taken until 9.30 tomorrow.

Saturday Morning.

9.30 a. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. T. J. Renfrow, after which the regular order of business was taken up.

Letter from Phaniel Church was received, together with $3.50, to cover the amount of their pledges for the various objects.

The Moderator named Rev. W. T. Talbirt as a committee to visit the churches not represented at this session, namely: Chaney's Hill and Wilson's Grove. He also announced that the following committee would visit the church at Newells, as per resolution

passed yesterday: T. J. Renfrow, U. T. Bowden, W. M. Lyles.

The report on Ministers Relief Fund was made by Rev. G. W. Reed as follows:

This subject is one which is (or should be) very dear to the hearts of our denomination, and yet the conditions existing are not what we would have them. Our worn out ministers are deserving of greater consideration at our hands than they have heretofore been receiving and we would like to recommend to this Association, that greater interest be manifested in the donations along this line, so that our worn out ministers may not only be provided with the necessities of life, but also with a greater degree of comfort in the ir declining years.

Report received and discussed by Bro. Reed showing the great importance of activity among our people, to lessen the burdens of our ministers, and made a most eloquent appeal in their behalf Rev. J. L. Shinn and Bro. T. J. Renfrow discussed the report, after which pledges were made to this Fund amounting to $69.50. (See table). The report adopted.

Rev. D. F. Helms and Bros. F. P. Beaty, Lockey Allen and M. Griffin asked the Association to excuse them, which was done.

Revs. C. M. Murchison and J. W. Cobb expressed their pleasure at being in attendance at this session.

The Moderator recognized Rev. J. A. B. Fry of the Methodist church, Concord, and Rev. Mr. Gilliam, of the Forest Hill Methodist church.

The report on Home Missions was made by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge as follows: "There is no Board of the Southern Baptist Convention that makes a stronger appeal to the benevolence of our people and churches, than the Home Mission Board.

This Board is located in Atlanta, Ga., and has for its object, the extension of the Masters cause throughout the South land and Cuba.

There is a great deal of work that our State Board cannot do without the aid of the Home Board.

This Board has greatly helped the State work in the mountains of North Carolina and other Southern States. Our churches must go forward, and increase their contributions to Home Missions, if they meet the needs of the destitute fields within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. The report received and ably discussed by Rev. B. W. Spillman, Field Secretary to our Baptist Sunday School Board, at Nashville, Tenn., who gave the Association a most able address, showing the great work the Home Mission Board has done, and is doing today. The speaker urged greater activity among our people to do greater things along this line, and showed clearly our duty in this great work, and told us in his eloquent manner the work the Board is doing in the West, as well as what is being done in our own State.

The roll of churches was called and pledges made to this object to the amount of $90.50. (See table).

Report adopted.

The Long Metre Doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Walter H. Dodd, and the Association stood adjourned until 2.30 p. m.

Evening Session.

The Moderator conducted devotional exercises at 2.30 p. m. after which the regular order of business was proceeded with. The Moderator named the following brethren to make reports at the next session of the Association as follows:

Report on State Missions—Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord, N. C.
Report on State Missions—Rev. G. W. Reed, Salisbury, N. C.
Report on Foreign Missions—Rev. Walter H. Dodd, Charlotte, N. C.
Report on Education—Rev. A. C. Barron, D. D., Charlotte, N. C.
Report on Orphanage—Capt. T. J. Renfrow, Matthews, N. C.
Report on Periodicals—Rev. S. F. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C.
Report on Sunday Schools—Rev. D. F. Helms, Charlotte, N. C.
Ministers Relief Fund—Rev. J. L. Shinn, Mooresville, N. C.

The following resolution was presented by Bro. W. M. Lyles, and after some discussion, was unanimously passed:

Be it Resolved: "That from this date all moneys pledged and collected for the various objects by our churches, be sent to the Treasurer of this Association, and said funds to be sent by him to the Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention at Raleigh, and applied to the various objects as designated by our Treasurer."

Bro. Theo. Merton Alexander made a motion that the clerk be instructed to address a letter to each church clerk in the Association, advising them and their churches of the above resolution. Motion carried.

In the absence of Rev. D. M. Austin, who was appointed at last session of the Association, to make report on Education, the Moderator requested Rev. B. Lacy Hoge to give this object his attention, whereupon he made following report, which was received:

"The interest of our people in Education is a very hopeful sign for the Baptist, for no people have suffered more from ignorance and prejudice than we have. The prejudice of others against the Baptist is largely caused by ignorance.

There is great need for Associational Schools, and we recommend this Association take active steps to the building of the school at Arlington. Wake Forest College is equal to any in the South for young men, and we should take greater pride in it, and seek to send students there.

The Baptist Female University is the pride of the Baptists of North Carolina, and no school has ever met with greater success.

Money should be raised to lift the debt from our schools and provide a fund for the education of more of the children of the poor."

The report received, and Bro. Hoge gave the Association a splendid talk on this subject. The Moderator gave us a very interesting talk, and urged greater things along Educational lines. Bro. E. H. Williams made a few remarks in reference to the sohocl at Arlington.

The report adopted, and roll of churches called, and pledges to this object to the amount of $61.00.

A motion made by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, that Bro .E. H. Williams be requested to secure from Bro. E. H. Hinson, a deed for the lot, and deliver same to Trustees of this Association. Motion carried.

The Moderator announced that the next thing before the Association was the election of an Executive Committee of five (5) which resulted as follows:

Rev. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte, N. C., Chairman.
Rev. A. C. Barron, D. D., Charlotte, N. C.
J. A. Durham, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord, N. C.
T. V. Talbirt, Concord, N. C.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention was chosen as follows:

Rev. Walter H. Dodd, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord, N. C.
Rev. W. T. Talbirt, Concord, N. C.

Alternates.

Rev. S. F. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C.
J. D. McLester, Concord, N. C.
W. M. Lyles, Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. L. R. Pruett was elected as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and Rev. B. Lacy Hoge chosen as alternate.

Bro. W. M. Lyles was chosen as a member of the Board of State Missions.

The Clerk then read report showing amount of money raised by the churches in the Association for various objects to be $7,930.18.

The benediction pronounced by Bro. Gerald Hurt, and adjournment taken until 7.30 p. m.

Night Session.

7.30 p. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. W. M. Lyles, after which the report on Sunday Schools was made by Rev. Walter H. Dodd as follows:

"Resolved that we are terribly in the background in our Sunday school work in our cities and towns. Can we say that we are aggressive? We realize that the greatest debt on earth is the debt of Parent to Child, and especially to develope the child spiritually. We hold the Sunday school work to be second only to the church, and indeed a part of the great plan of the Gospel of our Lord. We recommend that we push the Sunday school work in our country churches." Report received.

The Moderator recognized Rev. B. W. Spillman, Field Secretary of Baptist Sunday School Board og Nashville, Tenn.

Bro. Spillman is a great favorite in North Carolina, having lived here all his life, where he has labored so faithfully in the interest of the Sunday schools, and is now employed by the Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn. He presented this feature of the work in his usual happy style. He emphasised the great importance of personal work in the Sunday school, and urged greater activity in this branch of our work, and dwelt at length upon the importance of the hearty hand shake in the Sunday school, and also the necessity of good music in this work. Report adopted.

A collection was taken to swell the Minute Fund, and $2.04 realized.

Bro. Theo. Merton Alexander made a motion that the Association tender a vote of thanks to the members of Concord Baptist church, and to the citizens of Concord for their hospitality and many kindnesses shown us during our stay, and same unanimously passed.

The Moderator announced that the business of the Association had been finished, and hymn No. 712 was sung, after which a good, old fashioned, general hand shaking was indulged in by all the delegates and visitors present.

Benediction pronounced by Bro. Spillman, and the 16th annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association stood adjourned, to meet with the Baptist church at Matthews, N. C., on Thursday, August 21st, 1902, at 11 a. m.

L. R. PRUETT, Moderator.

W. M. LYLES, Clerk.

Statistical Table.

Churches.	Pastors and their Addresses.	Clerks and their Addresses.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Male Membership.	Female Membership.	Total Membership.	Seating Capacity of Church.	No. Bib. Rec'r's taken
Arlington	J. F. Davis, Albemarle	W. A. Connell, Arlington	6	0	3	9	7	12	2	21	78	84	162	500	1
Belmont	D. F. Helms, Charlotte	C. M. Robinson, Charlotte	2	56	0	58	2	0	0	2	21	35	56	150	3
Chaneys Hill															
Clear Creek	J. F. Davis, Albemarle	L. A. Ferguson, Brief	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	33	57	90	300	0
Cold Water	B. Lacy Hoge, Concord	T. V. Talbirt, Concord	7	6	1	14	0	2	0	2	43	44	87	300	2
Concord	B. Lacy Hoge Concord	C. A. Smith, Concord	19	45	0	64	7	3	1	11	150	173	323	700	22
Davidson Mission	J. L. Shinn, Mooresville														
Friendship	D. M. Austin, Charlotte	Covington Garrison, Shopton	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	16	23	39	400	2
Hopewell	W. J. Wyatt, Troutmans	H. D. Winecoff, Caldwell	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	37	43	80	300	10
Howells	C. J. Black, Big Lick	D. W. Garmon, Furrs	7	2	0	9	0	0	2	2	40	57	91	....	0
Huntersville	J. L. Shinn, Mooresville	S. L. Mullen, Huntersville	0	2	0	2	5	1	0	6	6	15	21	....	1
Independence Hill	C. L. Fowler, Wingate	C. S. Davis, Croft	4	4	1	9	5	1	1	7	18	30	48	300	0
Long Creek	C. M. Murchison, Penelope	J. S, Underwood, Mt. Holly	1	5	0	6	2	6	2	10	9	19	28	250	0
Matthews	S. W. Bennett, Lilesville	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	2	10	1	13	5	1	1	7	65	84	149	400	5
Newells															
Olivet	Walter H. Dodd, Charlotte	D. P. Brissie, Charlotte	4	8	1	13	18	34	1	53	17	30	47	400	5
Phaniels	G. W. Reed, Salisbury	J. M. Funderburk, Rimer	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	18	74	42	250	0
Pleasant Plains	A. B. Caudle, Wingate	J. E. Broom, Indian Trail	10	2	0	12	3	4	1	8	38	47	85	400	0
Rock Hill	B. F. Hargett, Kingwood	A. D. Crisco, Concord	0	2	1	3	5	0	0	5	24	38	62	300	0
Tryon Street	A. C. Barron, Charlotte	J. A. Durham, Charlotte	5	29	1	35	27	0	0	27	225	300	525	500	0
12th Street	L. R. Pruett, Charlotte	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	16	39	0	55	57	3	3	57	70	164	234	360	15
Wilson's Grove															
Total			83	214	10	307	148	67	16	225	908	1317	2169	5810	66

Financial Table.

Churches	MONEY PAID IN											PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR						
	Pastor's Salary	Incidental Expenses	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Orphanage	Education	Ministers Relief	Poor Fund	Minutes	Total Contributions and Expenses	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Orphanage	Water Works at Orphanage.	Minister's Relief	Education
Arlington	$ 75 00	$ 10 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$	$	$	$ 1 81	$ 106 81	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 2 00	$ ....
Belmont	.....	35 00	.....	.....	.. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	36 00	2 00	.....	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	....
Chaneys Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clear Creek	50 00	.....	3 00	82	2 38	3 46	.....	.....	5 00	1 00	65 60	4 00	2 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00
Cold Water	75 00	25 00	5 17	3 90	3 80	3 96	2 00	... .	.....	1 00	119 77	5 00	5 00	15 00	5 00	1 00	2 00	3 00
Concord	481 93	247 45	20 00	15 00	40 00	41 00	.....	.....	40 50	2 00	887 88	20 00	20 00	50 00	36 00	25 00	10 00	11 00
Davidson Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	50	2 00	1 00	1 00	50	50
Friendship	100 00	2 99	5 00	7 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	.....	60	132 50	5 00	7 00	10 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Hopewell	.....	2 00	4 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	1 00	.....	35	10 35	3 00	1 00	.....	3 00	.....	2 00	1 00
Howells	40 00	400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	449 30	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Huntersville	35 00	5 55	3 33	1 00	7 20	12 60	1 00	1 00	.....	70	67 38	4 00	1 50	7 00	4 00	4 00	1 50	1 50
Independence Hill	40 00	10 57	.....	1 40	.....	2 30	.....	.....	.....	50	54 77	3 00	1 00	3 50	5 00	... ..	1 00	2 00
Long Creek	60 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	50	69 50	5 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	50	2 00	1 00
Matthews	135 00	10 00	7 00	7 60	16 10	7 60	5 00	5 75	10 00	2 00	206 05	10 00	10 00	18 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Newells	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olivet	360 00	125 00	5 00	5 00	12 00	22 00	1 00	2 00	17 60	25	549 85	7 55	5 00	15 00	24 00	3 00	1 50	2 00
Phaniels	58 50	40	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 00	2 47	1 00	69 64	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00
Pleasant Plains	85 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	50	97 50	.....	2 00	.....	... .	.....	.....	.....
Rock Hill	50 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	51 25	.....	50	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....
Tryon Street	2000 00	2600 00	447 14	284 40	214 05	33 25	75 00	25 00	118 00	5 00	6 801 84	600 00	10 00	500 00	75 00	25 00	30 00	25 00
12th Street	406 49	867 62	20 00	.....	12 00	7 50	2 50	2 50	7 66	3 00	1 329 29	20 00	10 00	20 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Wilson's Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	. . . .	5 00	.....	.....	1 00
Total	$4051 92	$4346 49	$531 64	$ 337 12	$ 328 53	$ 148 67	$88 50	$ 41 25	201 23	$21 76	$11 076 38	$ 698 55	$90 50	$ 659 50	$ 193 00	$92 50	$69 50	$61 00
Pledges for Water Works at Orphanage																$12 00		

Sunday School Statistics.

Churches	Supts. and their Addresses	No. Officers and Teachers	Number of Scholars	Total	Average Attendance	Baptisms from School	Quarterlies Taken	Charity and Children	Volumes in Library	Contributions	Expenses
Arlington	F. M. Hinson, Arlington	6	70	76	60	1	65	0	0	$	$ 6 00
Belmont	T. J. Sprinkle, Charlotte	8	134	142	80	2	115	20	0	.....	12 15
Chaneys Hill	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Clear Creek	L. S. Pigg, Brief	7	75	82	50	0	3	0	0	.....	2 75
Cold Water	J. W. Connell, Concord	5	37	42	25	0	30	10	0	.....	10 50
Concord	V. D. Sykes, Concord	17	144	161	105	8	140	60	64	36 00	44 00
Davidson Mission	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Friendship	S. Q. Garrison, Shopton	7	40	47	30	0	240	10	0	.....	9 80
Hopewell	A. P. Sweet, Caldwell	7	40	48	30	0	30	0	0	.....	4 00
Howells	A. L. Howell, Bosts' Mills	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Huntersville	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Independence Hill	J. R. Atkins, Croft	4	20	24	15	0	0	0	0	.....	2 00
Long Creek	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
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Phaniels	T. M. Yost, Yost	11	85	96	35	0	59	0	143	.....	3 31
Pleasant Plains	J. E. Broom, Indian Trail	8	50	58	25	0	0	0	0	.....	00
Rock Hill	A. D. Crisco, Concord	5	90	95	60	0	95	0	0	.....	00
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The next session will be held at Arlington, N. C., beginning Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, at 11 o'clock A. M. Introductory sermon by Rev. J. Q. Adams, Charlotte, N. C. Alternate, Rev. D. M. Austin, Charlotte.

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REPORT of ASSOCIATION

MATTHEWS, N. C., THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1902.

The 17th annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association met with the Matthews Baptist Church at 11 A. M., with the Moderator, L. R. Pruett, in the chair.

The Moderator announced that, owing to the absence of Rev. Walter H. Dodd, the introductory sermon would be preached by Prof. W. R. Collum, of Wake Forest.

Hymn No. 162, Gospel Hymns, was sung, and Bro. Collum read the 10th chapter of Romans, and Rev. J. Q. Adams led in prayer, after which the speaker took for his text the first 15 verses of the chapter read, and preached a powerful sermon, one calculated to stir all present to greater activity. Prayer by Bro. Arch. Johnston, and all joined in singing that old hymn, "Rescue the Perishing."

The Moderator announced that an adjournment would be had until 3 P. M.

Rev. D. M. Austin suggested that a committee on order of business be appointed in order that they might be able to report to the afternoon session, and the Moderator named the committee as follows: J. Q. Adams, D. M. Austin, J. F. Davis.

The committee on hospitality requested all Messengers and visitors to report immediately after adjournment, in order for all to be provided with homes.

Benediction pronounced by Prof. Collum.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Enrollment of Delegates.

The Association called to order at 3 P. M. by the Moderator and that old familiar hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" sung, and prayer by Rev. J. F. Davis.

The roll call of churches made, and following responded, and messengers enrolled as follows:

Arlington—A. R. Hartis, E. H. Williams, J. S. Long, F. M. McConnell.
Chaney's Hill—J. F. Chaney.
Clear Creek—L. S. Pigg, J. F. Reader, H. W. Pigg, N. J. Ferguson.
Cold Water—T. V. Talbirt, W. W. Talbirt.
First Church Concord—J. W. Collett, J. D. McLester.
Friendship—J. T. Mitchell, U. N. Mitchell, Covington Garrison.
Hopewell—G. M. Winecoff, A. P. Sweet.
Howells—L. T. Bost, H. T. Stowe, T. D. Joyner, D. W. Stone.
Independence Hill—J. B. Flowers, J. C. Godfrey, J. R. Adkins, C. S. Davis.
Long Creek—G. C. Crump, L. L. Grass.
Louise—C. M. Robinson, C. F. Childress.
Matthews—E. J. Funderburk, T. A. Newell, G. C. Funderburk.
Newells—Lee Barber, G. A. Bumgarner.
Phaniels—W. A. Yost.
Pleasant Plains—J. E. Broom, J. J. McLendon, H. L. Helms.
Pritchard Memorial—W. F. Dowd, J. J. Ezell, V. O. Willis, J. Q. Adams, Jr., R. W. Adams.
Rock Hill—A. D. Crisco.
Second Church Concord—W. F. Philman.
Tryon Street—J. A. Durham, A. B. Justice, H. G. Harper, I. W. Durham, W. C. Dowd.

Twelfth Street—W. M. Lyles, T. J. Sprinkle, T. M. Alexander, C. F. Stroupe.

Wilson's Grove—E. S. Rushen, Robert Mungo.

The Moderator appointed T. J. Renfrow and Arch. Johnston reading clerks.

Applications to become members of the Association, from Pritchard Memorial and Second Church, Concord, were presented, and same referred to committee as follows: J. A. Durham, E. H. Williams, C. M. Robinson.

Election of Officers.

The Moderator announced that the next thing in order would be the election of officers and same entered into, and resulted as follows:

Moderator—T. J. Renfrow, Matthews.

Clerk—W. M. Lyles, Charlotte.

Treasurer—J. A. Durham, Charlotte.

The committee on order of business made the following partial report:

4 P. M.—Education and discussion thereof. Adjournment.

8 P. M.—Devotional exercise.

8:30 P. M.—Report on State Missions. Adjournment.

Report of committee received, and Prof. Collum took the floor and made a stirring address on Education, after which pledges were made to the amount of $61.00 (see table).

The committee appointed to consider the application for membership of Pritchard Memorial and Second Church of Concord, announced that they were ready to report, and recommended that they be received as members of this Association. Report adopted, and they were received, and their Messengers duly enrolled.

The following committees were named by the Moderator:

Order of business—J. Q. Adams, D. M. Austin, J. F. Davis.

Finance—J. A. Durham, C. F. Childress, E. H. Williams.

Time, Place and Preacher—L. R. Pruett, E. J. Funderburk, H. W. Pigg.

Religious exercises—The Pastor and Deacons of Matthews Church.

The Moderator appointed the following to write reports:

State Missions—L. R. Pruett.

Home Missions—J. F. Davis.

Foreign Missions—D. M. Austin.

Education—J. Q. Adams, Jr.

Benediction by Rev. J. J. McLendon, and adjournment until 8 P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

Session opened by singing hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," and prayer by Prof. Collum.

Report on State Missions.

Rev. L. R. Pruett made the following report on State Missions:

"The State Mission work is very encouraging. There is progress along all lines. Much has been done, and there is yet much to be done. There are about one million people in North Carolina who are not members of any church, of any denomination. What a great field for mission work.

"There is great destitution in many counties in Eastern Carolina, where Baptist preaching and the erection of Baptist churches are greatly needed. In the Western part of the State the Baptists are strong in numbers, but weak in intelligence and in the grace of giving.

"In this charming and picturesque part of our State the Baptists, through our State Mission Board, are encouraging educational, social and spiritual interest in that Land of the Sky.

"The Board is extending a helping hand to many sections of North Carolina, giving the manufacturing centres special attention, but the Board feels embarrassed with so many urgent and worthy calls coming upon them, and without sufficient funds to meet the demands.

"Brethren, forty thousand dollars could be appropriated each year to this work, and then much barren territory would remain untouched.

"There are now 98 missionaries in the State, employed by the Board, when the field calls for many times this number. 'More men,' 'more men,' is the cry. It comes to us from the home land; it comes to us from the State; it comes to us from the destitute part of our Association.

"The Board at Raleigh has appropriated twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) for this year, every cent of which will be raised. Brethren, let us do our duty. (Signed) L. R. PRUETT."

Report received, and Rev. Livingston Johnston, Corresponding Secretary, was recognized, and spoke on the report, after which a cash collection was taken, amounting to $6.61. Further remarks made to the report by Prof. Collum, and pledges taken to the amount of $160.00 (see table). Report adopted.

The committee on order of business made further report as follows:

Friday, 9 A. M.—Devotional exercises.

9:30 A. M.—Report on Orphanage.

10:30 A. M.—Report on Education.

Report adopted.

Motion made by Rev. L. R. Pruett, and carried, that a committee be appointed to make an effort to revive the interest in the Union Meetings in our Association, and to arrange programme for same. Remarks by several Messengers, urging the revival of the Union Meeting, and Moderator announced that he would name the committee a little later.

T. J. Sprinkle was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises at the 9 o'clock session tomorrow morning. Motion made, and carried, to adjourn. Hymn No. 167 sung, and benediction pronounced by Rev. Livingston Johnston.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1902.

9 A. M.—Devotional exercises conducted by T. J. Sprinkle, who read 14th chapter of John.

9:30 A. M.—The association called to order by the Moderator, and upon suggestion of Rev. D. M. Austin, it was agreed to devote a portion of the morning session in hearing reports as to the spiritual condition of the churches of the Association, and the Moderator requested Rev. L. R. Pruett to conduct this part of the service. Interesting and encouraging reports were made by Messengers of each church, after which the Moderator announced that the regular order of business would be taken up.

The Clerk called the roll, and each church responded except Olivet. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Report on Orphanage.

Report on Orphanage, made by Rev. J. Q. Adams, as follows:

"No object of benevolence has a larger place in the affections of our people than the Orphanage at Thomasville.

"The spirit of benevolence which called into existence this noble institution is in such beautiful harmony with the teachings of our Saviour as to give the Orphanage a secure position for all time in the hearts of the Baptist people of North Carolina.

"We commend the management of the Orphanage as economical and wise and the training given the children as that calculated to bring out the best there is in them and fit them for usefulness in both church and State. We recommend that one Sunday's collection in each month, in all our Sunday Schools, be devoted to the support of the Orphanage, and that clubs for 'Charity and Children,' the paper published by the Orphanage, be secured in the churches as the best means of keeping the work of the Orphanage constantly before the people. Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. Q. ADAMS."

Report received, and interesting remarks made on same by Rev. J. Q. Adams, Arch. Johnston and John E. Ray, and a cash collection taken, amounting to $12.50. The roll of churches called and pledges to the amount of $252.00 made. (See table.)

The committee on order of business made further report as follows:

Friday, 3 P. M.—Report on Periodicals.
4 P. M.—Report on Sunday Schools.
Adjournment.

Saturday, 9 A. M.—Devotional exercises.
9:30—Ministers' Relief.
10:30—Report on Home Missions.
11:30—Miscellaneous business.
Adjournment.

John E. Ray, principal of the Deaf and Dumb School at Raleigh, was present and addressed the Association in reference to this work, and furnished the Association with a list of the names of children within the bounds of the Association who ought to be in this school, and urged that they be looked after, and, if possible, get them to attend.

Motion made to adjourn until 3 P. M. Carried. L. M. Doxology sung, and benediction pronounced by Rev. L. R. Pruett.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 P. M.—Session opened by singing hymn, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," and prayer by John E. Ray.

The Moderator announced the committee to arrange for Union Meeting, carried over from yesterday, as follows: L. R. Pruett, J. Q. Adams, D. M. Austin.

Report on Education.

The report on Education was made by J. Q. Adams, Jr., as follows:

"The immense strides of civilization and spread of the gospel of culture in this new century render an education imperative, and yet it is a sad fact that North Carolina today, among her sister States, ranks lowest in the scales of education.

"There are now over four hundred and thirty-nine thousand (439,000) children of school age in our territory, and of this number our Baptist people must have a large per cent.

"To give them a well rounded education that will prepare them for the highest usefulness to both church and State, is the task before us. We heartily commend the course of our legislators to make better provisions for common school education, and we hope for an increase in the rapidly growing sentiment in North Carolina for a more liberal education of the rank and file of her people.

"For higher education, our own Baptist Convention has provided two great institutions. We desire to give expression to our pride in Wake Forest College. Founded by our fathers, with many trials and hardships, it stands today, in the words of President Harper, of Chicago, the best institution of its kind in the South. The recent establishment of a medical department shows that it is still growing and improving. Its ideal situation, its corps of Christian teachers, its large endowment, its religious atmosphere, its past history and traditions, all demand of us our admiration, love and patronage.

"The Baptist Female University offers to our young women the same opportunities that Wake Forest for so long has offered to our young men. But at present it is hampered with a heavy indebtedness. At Winston, last December, the State Convention decided to raise fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) as a thank offering to God for His many blessings during the past century. Of this sum, forty-two thousand dollars ($42,000) was to go towards relieving our Baptist Female University, two thousand and five hundred dollars ($2,500) to needed repairs and improvements at the Chowan Baptist Female Institute at Muffresborough, and the balance, including necessary expenses, to the High School work in Western North Carolina.

"The cause is very urgent. Indeed it is absolutely necessary to releive the Baptist Female University of its indebtedness, in order that it may go on with its great work. And as our people become more highly educated, it is manifest that our Baptist hosts must be led by a well cultivated ministry;

therefore, we highly commend the board of education under the direction of Prof. Collum, which is now educating some fifty odd young men for the Baptist ministry.

"All these objects appeal to us. Let us, therefore, each and every one, contribute of our prayers, of our means and influence to this great and vital question of education. "(Signed) J. Q. ADAMS, Jr."

The report received and discussed by the following brethren: A. D. Hunter, John E. Ray, D. M. Austin and Arch. Johnston. The report adopted, and the following resolution introduced by Rev. L. R. Pruett:

"Whereas, Dr. A. C. Barron, during the Baptist State Convention at Winston last December, pledged our Association for one thousand dollars ($1,000) to the Educational Fund,

"Be it resolved: That we, The Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association, through our committee, consisting of D. M. Austin, L. R. Pruett and J. A. Durham, will endeavor, by the meeting of the Convention next December in Durham, to raise and pay in said sum." Resolution carried.

The report on Periodicals was to have been made at this hour, but owing to the absence of Rev. S. F. Conrad, who was to make report, it was agreed to wait until tomorrow morning's session.

W. C. Dowd was recognized by the Moderator, and he was requested to address the Association in reference to our Associational School, to be located at Arlington, and in order to bring it more fully before the Association, it was made the special order for 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Olivet church, through I. W. Durham, reported that they had not been able to prepare their church letter, and advised that they would prepare it in a few days and send it to the Clerk, and requested that it be embodied in the Minutes. The same request came from the First Church at Concord. Both requests were granted.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn until 8 p. m. Benediction by Rev. J. Q. Adams.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

Evening session opened at 8 o'clock by singing hymn No. 163, and prayer by Arch. Johnston.

The Moderator recognized Rev. R. G. Kendrick, of Greenville, S. C., who responded in a few well chosen remarks. The Association at this time took pleasure in extending to Rev. J. E. Smith, pastor of the First Church at Concord, a most hearty welcome as a member of our body. Bro. Smith responded in some feeling remarks, and expressed himself as highly pleased with being a member of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association.

Report on Foreign Missions.

The report on Foreign Missions was made by Rev. D. M. Austin as follows:

"I regard this as a most important part of our work, not because of any obligation we are under to the heathen. Our duty to do this work comes out of the imperative order of our Lord, 'To give the gospel to all people.'

"The very life of our religion is missionary. Weakness in this work threatens our existence spiritually. It seems evident from scripture statements and human testimony, that God's richest blessings have rested on all faithful missionary efforts. I do believe that our interest in this part of our work is commensurate with our interest in State and Home Missions.

"The war in China, and the massecre of some of our missionaries has doubtless helped to tone down our interest in Foreign Missions. We are doing some foreign missionary work. Respectfully submitted.

"(Signed) D. M. AUSTIN."

The report received and discussed by the following brethren: D. M. Austin, A. D. Hunter, R. G. Kendrick, J. Q. Adams, J. E. Smith, L. R. Pruett, D. F. Helms, A. W. Crabtree, Arch. Johnston and W. C. Dowd.

The report adopted, and pledges taken to the amount of $113.00 (see table).

The committee on "Time, Place and Preacher," announced their readiness to report, and presented the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Time—Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1903, at 11 o'clock A. M.
Place—Arlington Church.
Preacher—Rev. J. Q. Adams.
Alternate—Rev. D. M. Austin. (Signed) L. R. PRUETT,
E. J. FUNDERBURK,
H. W. PIGG.

The Moderator appointed W. M. Lyles to conduct devotional exercises tomorrow morning. Motion made, and carried, to adjourn. Doxology sung and benediction by Rev. D. M. Austin.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22.

9 o'clock A. M.—Devotional exercises conducted by W. M. Lyles.

Moderator called sesion to order at 9:30, and prayer by Rev. J. Q. Adams. The committee appointed to arrange Union Meeting announced that they were ready to report, and submitted the following, which was adopted:

Time—Friday before the fifth Sunday in November.
Place—Pleasant Plains.
Preacher—Rev. J. E. Smith.
Alternate—Rev. J. Q. Adams. (Signed) D. M. AUSTIN,
L. R. PRUETT,
J. Q. ADAMS,
Committee.

This subject was discussed by Brethren J. Q. Adams, L. R. Pruett, H. L. Helms and S. F. Conrad.

Report on Periodicals.

Report on "Periodicals" made by Rev. S. F. Conrad as follows, and same received:

"The newspaper is one of the most powerful agencies for good or evil of modern times. The religious newspaper is indispensably necessary as a medium of information among the churches and the work of our boards.

"The newspaper is a powerful agency in the indoctrinating and upbuilding of our people in our denominational principles. Therefore recommend the 'Biblical Recorder' as the denominational organ, and as having done a great and noble work in feeding us in our denominational work.

"The 'North Carolina Baptist' is meeting a felt want among the Baptists, and as having done a good work in the State.

" 'Charity and Children' as representing our orphanage work, and as being well and ably edited.

"The 'Home Field,' and 'Foreign Mission Journal' as representing the work as being done by the home and foreign boards. All of these papers are worthy of the patronage and support of our people, and should find a place in all of our homes. (Signed) S. F. CONRAD, Com.

Report discussed by Brethren S. F. Conrad, J .W. Cobb, A. D. Hunter and W. R. Small, and same adopted.

Report on Home Missions.

The report on Home Missions made by Rev. J. E. Smith as follows:

"Our people are more deeply interested in Home Missions now than ever before because of the faithful and enthusiastic services of Dr. F. H. Kerfoot and our present secretary, Dr. McConnell.

"There never was a time when Home Missions claimed so large a share of our interest and enthusiastic support.

"Our rapidly increasing population, our unprecedented prosperity in all industrial and mercantile enterprises have attracted the attention of the

world toward us. Immigration from all parts of the world has set in. The foreigner is here and must be Christianized or his influence will be powerful against our religion..

"In the prospective canal which is to unite two oceans, we have special interest. It will undoubtedly mean a constantly increasing immigration. If we can meet them and bring them to Jesus, we shall save them and our country.

"The negro problem is being solved: Through God we shall be a blessing to them, but it will require wiser counsel and support to accomplish our desire.

"Thousands have moved from everywhere to 'Factory Hill,' and the great majority are very careless about attending services or supporting the Lord's work. Only by establishing churches among them can we hope to reach them.

"This will necessitate the expenditure of thousands to support men on the field, but 'the field is white unto the harvest,' and must be reaped for the Master.

"Our frontier work has called forth many noble men, who, by receiving a small amount from our Home Board, have been enabled to preach the gospel to thousands who would otherwise have never heard it.

"Texas, our greatest State, has been saved to the Baptist in this way, and many others owe their great prosperity to the missionary. We rejoice over glorious results in many places, and exhort our brethren to greater interest and liberality toward Home Missions, for only by being faithful at home can we hope to be successful abroad in foreign lands.

"(Signed) J. E. SMITH, Com."

Report received, and discussed by Brothers J. E. Smith, D. M. Austin and S. F. Conrad, after which it was unanimously adopted.

The Association welcomed Rev. W. Leggette of the M. E. Church of Matthews. Pledges were then taken for Home Missions to the amount of $78.00 (See table). The Moderator announced that the Associational school matter was to have been presented at 9:30 this morning, but owing to the absence of several members it was postponed until this time. W. C. Dowd then addressed the Association in reference to this important matter, and pledges to the amount of $100.00 was made as follows:

B. A. Sustare, Matthews	$ 25.00	
W. C. Dowd, Charlotte	10.00	
J. E. Smith, Concord	5.00	Paid.
E. J. Funderburk, Matthews	10.00	
T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	5.00	
D. M. Austin, Charlotte	5.00	
Clear Creek Church	5.00	
J. W. Phillips, Matthews	5.00	
T. A. Newell, Matthews	2.50	
N. C. Baptist, Fayetteville	5.00	
J. D. Robinson, Raleigh	2.50	
Pleasant Plains Church	2.00	
12th Street, Charlotte	5.00	
Tryon Street, Charlotte	13.00	
Total	$100.00	

Report on Sunday Schools.

Report on Sunday schools made by Bro. C. M. Robinson as follows, and same received:

"From the statistics of the different churches during the past century, it is evident that the most active church members, and the most thoroughly consecrated Christian men and women, as well as the best Bible scholars in our church, are men and women whom were reared under the supervision and direct influence of the Sunday schools. These statistics corroborate the state-

ment of one of our great men of the past, that the Sunday school is the nursery of the church.

"To our certain knowledge, some of the most prosperous churches that we have in the State today, are the direct outgrowth of the Sunday schools. These being the facts, brethren, we should be stimulated and inspired to greater zeal and activity in the Sunday school work in the future, and thereby carry out the divine injunction to 'Bring up our children in the way they should go.'

"From the natural order of things, we are obliged to concede that the future hope of our church and State rests on the boys and girls of today. How careful then should we be to give them the proper training, inculcate in their young minds the truths and principles of the blessed gospel of our Savior.

"Therefore we would urge that each church in our Association have a Sunday school, and that they carry it on during the entire year if possible, for we realize that there is no better place within the bounds of the church for the special training than in the Sunday schools. Respectfully submitted. "(Signed) C. M. ROBINSON, Com."

Report discussed by Bro. C. M. Robinson, after which it was adopted.

Report on Ministerial Relief.

The report on "Ministerial Relief" was made by Rev. A. D. Hunter, in the absence of Rev. J. L. Shinn, who was appointed at the last session of the Association to make the report.

"This board, located at Durham, has for its object the aiding of aged and indigent ministers and their widows.

"This is a great work, and has done-real good in helping quite a number who needed help. To do its work, each church is urged to make contributions to this work. If the pastors will look after this, and bring it to the minds of their members, needed funds can be had. Twenty-two were aided last year at $5.00 per month, or $60.00 per year. Submitted,

"A. D. HUNTER, for J. L. CHINN."

Report discussed by Bros. A. D. Hunter, J. W. Cobb and J. J. McLendon, and same unanimously adopted, and pledges taken to the amount of $61.00 (See table).

Motion made by W. M. Lyles, and carried, that the subject of Temperance be discussed at our next Association.

The Moderator made the following appointments to make reports at our Association next August:

Foreign Missions—Dr. A. C. Barron, Charlotte.
Home Missions—Rev. J. E. Smith, Concord.
State Missions—Rev. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte.
Orphanage—W. D. Adams, Charlotte.
Periodicals—W. C. Dowd, Charlotte.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. J. J. McLendon, Indian Trail.
Sunday Schools—Rev. D. F. Helms, Belmont.
Education—Rev. J. Q. Adams, Charlotte.
Temperance—Rev. S. F. Conrad, Charlotte.

The Finance Committee made following report, which was adopted:

Collected for Foreign Missions	$ 27.27
Collected for Home Missions	12.50
Collected for State Missions	7.42
Collected for Orphanage	11.13
Collected for Education	1.00
Collected for Ministerial Relief	3.50
Collected for Minute Fund	23.52
Basket collection, Orphanage	12.50
Basket collection, State Missions	6.61
Total	$105.45

(Signed) J. A. DURHAM,
E. H. WILLIAMS. Com.

Election of Delegates.

The next thing in order was the election of delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, and to the State Convention, which resulted as follows:

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—Dr. A. C. Barron, Charlotte.

Alternate—Rev. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte.

Delegates to State Convention—Dr. A. C. Barron, Rev. D. M. Austin, Rev. L. R. Pruett, Rev. J. Q. Adams, Rev. J. E. Smith, E. J. Funderburk, J. A. Durham, W. M. Lyles.

W. M. Lyles was re-elected a member of the State Board of Missions. Upon motion of Rev. L. R. Pruett, a vote of thanks was given the good people of Matthews for their kind hospitality during the session of the Association.

Report of Committee to Visit Newell Church.

Rev. S. F. Conrad, who was appointed as a committee to visit the church at Newells, made following report:

"Acting for the Chairman, W. M. Lyles, of the committee appointed at the last session of the Association, to visit the church at Newells relative to their co-operation with the Association; I visited them the 2nd Sunday in August, and found the church just closing an interesting revival meeting under their pastor, aided by Rev. M. C. Walton, of Burgaw, N. C., and they received me very cordially, and at the close of the morning service I stated to them the object of my visit, and explained to them the desirability of co-operating with the Association.

"I found they had canvassed the matter among themselves, and had already decided to send delegates and renew their Associational relations. I was much pleased with the spirit of the membership and the promising outlook of the work, and recommended to the Association to give their delegates a cordial welcome. (Signed) S. F. CONRAD,
Acting Committee.

Motion made and carried, that the Clerk be allowed the sum of ten dollars ($10.00) for his services.

The Moderator thanked the Association for the courteous manner they had treated him during the session of their deliberation. The pastor of Matthews church, Rev. D. M. Austin, announced that Rev. L. R. Pruett would preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The business of the Association having been completed, a motion made to adjourn, and hymn No. 177 was sung, and benediction pronounced by Rev. A. D. Hunter, and the Moderator declared the 17th annual sesion of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association adjourned to meet with the church at Arlington at 11 o'clock A. M. Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1903.

T. J. RENFROW, Moderator.
W. M. LYLES, Clerk.

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1901-1902.

Foreign Missions	$ 16.00
Home Missions	12.40
State Missions	18.42
Orphanage	10.85
Education	6.75
Ministerial Relief	7.50
Minute Fund	21.26
Collection Orphanage.	
Water Works	8.47
Collection State Missions	5.42
Collection Orphanage	4.08
	$111.15

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Paid Home Missions	12.40
Paid State Missions	18.42
Paid Orphanage	10.85
Paid Education	6.75
Paid Ministerial Relief	7.50
Paid for Minutes	21.26
Paid Water Works	8.47
Paid State Missions	5.42
Paid Orphanage Collection	4.08
	$111.15

Respectfully submitted,
T. J. RENFROW, Treas.

From Mrs. Pruett, Water Works	$ 2.00
From W. M. Lyles, Water Works	2.00
From 12th Church, Water Works	3.00
12th Church, Charity & Children	3.00
12th Church, Charity & Children	3.00
12th Church, Charity & Children	3.00
12th Church, Charity & Children	3.00
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12th Church, Charity & Children	3.00
12th Church, Charity & Children	3.00
From Friendship, Water Works	2.00
From Friendship, State Missions	2.50
From Friendship, Education	1.00
From Friendship, Ministerial Relief	1.00
From Friendship, Orphanage	5.00
From Clear Creek, Home Mission	2.00
From Chaney Hill, Orphanage	1.66
From Phaniel, Orphanage	1.00
From Belmont, Water Works	1.32
	$44.98

The above was forwarded promptly as directed.

T. J. RENFROW, Treas.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors and their Addresses.	Clerks and their Addresses.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Male Membership.	Female Membership.	Total Membership.	Seating Capacity of Church.
Arlington	J. F. Davis, Albermarle	W. A. Connell, Arlington	23	9	3	35	2	3	1	6	99	99	198	700
Chaneys Hill	" " "	J. F. Chaney, Gormand	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	19	28	47	....
Clear Creek	" " "	L. S. Pigg, Brief	3	0	1	4	2	1	2	5	33	56	89	300
Cold Water	J. E. Smith Concord	T. V. Talbirt, Concord	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	34	41	75	300
1st Church Concond	" " "	J. E. Wright, Concord	15	45	0	60	0	0	1	1	....	....	330	....
Friendship	W. H. Dodd, Charlotte	C. Garrison, Shopton	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	15	20	35	300
Hopewell	W. J. Wyatt, Troutman	H. D. Winecoff, Caldwell	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	25	25	50	....
Howells	J. Black, Big Lick	D. W. Garmon, Furrs	14	2	1	17	1	1	2	4	46	63	109	300
Independence Hill	W. H. Dodd, Charlotte	C. S. Davis, Croft	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	16	30	46	300
Long Creek	C. M. Murchison, Penelope	J. S. Underwood, Mt. Holly	5	0	0	5	1	2	2	5	16	22	38	250
Louise	D. F. Helms, Charlotte	C. M. Robinson, Charlotte	0	10	0	10	2	0	2	4	27	52	79	....
Matthews	D M. Austin "	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	2	1	0	3	1	0	2	3	65	84	149	400
Newells	J. D. Bowen, Newells	W. E. Hull, Newells	15	7	0	22	2	2	1	5	11	21	32	....
Olivet			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....
Phaniels	G. W. Reed. Salisbury	J. M. Funderburk, Rimer	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	19	27	46	250
Pleasant Plains		J. E. Brown, Indian Trail	0	4	0	4	4	2	0	6	36	39	75	300
Pritchard Memorial	J. Q. Adams, Charlotte	F. D. Lethco, Charlotte	1	66	0	67	4	2	0	6	22	39	61	800
Rock Hill	W. T. Talbirt, Concord	A. D. Crisco, Concord	0	1	0	1	9	0	0	9	22	33	55	200
2nd Church Concord	" " "	J. R Haney, "	4	24	0	28	0	0	0	0	14	14	28	500
Tryon Street	A. C. Barron, Charlotte	J. A. Durham. Charlotte	6	37	0	43	63	0	3	66	....	....	431	500
12th Street	L. R. Pruett, Charlotte	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	14	15	1	30	14	0	0	14	80	162	242	360
Wilson's Grove	D. F. Helms, Charlotte	W T. Mullis, Hornet	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	3	17	33	50	400
Total			109	221	7	337	116	15	19	150	655	788	2255	6160

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FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches.	MONEY PAID IN.											PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR.					
	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministers Relief.	Poor Fund.	Minutes.	Other Objects.	Total Contributions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministers' Relief.	Total.
Arlington	$ 75 00	$ 15 85	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 2 00	$	$ 2 37	$	$ 120 60	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$10 00	$ 2 00	$27 00
Chaneys Hill	35 00	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	60	.....	39 69	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.. .	2 00
Clear Creek	50 00	14 55	4 00	2 00	5 00	4 70	2 00	.....	.....	1 00	87 50	4 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	18 00
Cold Water	10 00	30 00	.....	.....	2 25	.....	... ..	.....	50	.....	42 75	5 00	5 00	10 00	6 00	2 00	28 00
1st Church, Concord	750 50	150 00	10 00	15 00	21 00	36 00	.....	32 30	.....	100 00	1114 30	20 00	20 00	50 00	40 00	10 00	140 00
Friendship	78 00	.....	5 00	7 00	10 00	5 00	2 00	.....	50	3 00	110 50	5 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	23 00
Hopewell	50 00	...	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	10 00	... .	.....	66 00	2 00	1 00	. ....	2 00	1 00	6 00
Howells	75 00	60 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.. ..	142 00	3 00	....	3 00	1 00	....	7 00
Independence Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	. ..	.....	2 00	5 00	.....	7 00
Long Creek	67 85	.....	.....	.....	12 15	2 00	....	.....	50	.....	12 50	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
Louise	243 00	285 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	354 30	1 00	1 00	3 00	5 00	1 00	12 00
Mattbews	76 50	30 00	7 00	7 00	18 00	7 00	5 00	.....	2 00	5 00	324 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	15 00	5 00	50 00
Newells	.....	52 25	.....	....	9 82	....	.....	2 25	.....	... .	141 82	10 00	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	14 00
Olivet	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phaniels	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	51 00	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00	... ..	3 00
Pleasant Plains	555 00	.....	2 00	1 00	2 00	50	50	.....	50	.....	6 50	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	9 00
Pritchard Memorial	20 00	89 37	21 28	5 24	31 25	12 65	.....	6 10	1 50	5053 10	5774 49	20 00	10 00	35 00	25 00	.....	90 00
Rock Hill	.....	3 75	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	24 75	1 00	. ....	1 00	1 00	. ...	3 00
2nd Church, Concord	.....	65 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	65 00	1 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	....	10 00
Tryon Street	2000 00	800 00	257 60	434 74	230 30	749 02	.....	154 00	5 00	2000 00	5970 66	.....	.....	... ..	85 00	30 00	115 00
12th Street	429 75	52 41	5 00	....	20 00	27 00	.....	6 48	3 00	688 65	1229 29	20 00	10 00	20 00	35 00	5 00	91 00
Wilson's Grove	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	101 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	.....	7 00
Total	4665 60	1649 63	65 28	46 74	142 47	101 85	12 52	211 13	19 97	7850 75	16788 65	113 00	78 00	160 00	252 00	61 00	664 00

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches.	Supts. and their Addresses.	No. Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Baptisms from School	Quarterlies Taken.	Charity and Children	Volumes in Library.	Contributions.	Expenses.	Months kept Open.
Arlington	F. M. Hinson, Arlington	5	60	65	50	...	60	....	....	$. ...	$ 5 46	6
Chaneys Hill	John Connell	....	75	50	....	....	....	....	....	2 25	.....	....
Clear Creek	L. S. Pigg, Brief	7	60	67	40	....	57	....	....	.....	1 25	3
Cold Water	J. W. Austin, Concord	8	50	58	35	....	40	....	....	....	.....	6
1st Church, Concord.	V. D. Sikes, Concord	18	200	218	150	....	....	....	100	....	76 00	12
Friendship	S. Q. Garrison, Shopton	7	35	42	25	....	68	....	....	.....	9 80	12
Hopewell		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	2 00	....
Howells	D. W. Garrison, Furis	7	100	107	50	14	90	....	....	.....	.....	12
Independence Hill	J. R. Adkins, Croft	4	16	20	15	...	20	....	....	.....	2 85	9
Long Creek		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....
Louise	C. M. Robinson, Charlotte	7	100	107	75	....	160	....	....	.....	35 00	12
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	9	100	109	65	....	150	....	....	.....	16 80	12
Newells	L. A. Barber, Newells	6	32	38	31	13	67	....	....	.. .	5 27	12
Olivet		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....
Phaniels	W. A. Yost, Yost	11	85	96	41	1	....	....	....	.....	2 39	9
Pleasant Plains	W. S. Paxton, Matthews	7	50	57	30	....	180	....	....	.....	3 50	....
Pritchard Memorial.	W. F. Dowd, Charlotte	11	85	96	65	1	140	. ..	....	.....	.....	12
Rock Hill	A. D. Crisco, Concord	8	60	68	40	....	60	...	....	.....	3 00	9
2nd Church, Concord.	W. F. Stegall, Concord	....	..	120	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
Tryon Street	I. W. Durham, Charlotte	24	275	299	175	....	2000	....	600	62 08	100 00	12
12th Street	W. M. Tyles, Charlotte	14	200	214	105	10	350	60	....	70 40	43 40	12
Wilson's Grove	W. R. Small, Hornet	7	40	47	50	....	48	....	....	... ..	2 40	6
Total		160	1623	1878	1042	39	3490	60	700	134 73	309 12	156

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Minutes of the Eighteenth Annual Session

of the

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Baptist Association

held at

Arlington, N. C.



August 20, 21, 22, 1903

Minutes of the 18th Annual Session

OF THE

MECKLENBURG AND CABARRUS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD AT

Arlington, N. C.

August 20th, 21st and 22d, 1903.

The next session will be held at Pritchard Memorial Church, Charlotte, N. C., beginning Thursday before the second Sunday in September, at 11 o'clock, a. m. Introductory sermon by Rev. J. E. Smith, Concord, N. C. Alternate, Rev. D. F. Helms, Charlotte, N.C.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR.

T. J. Renfrow, ... Matthews, N. C.

CLERK,

W. M. Lyles, ... Charlote, N. C.

ASSISTANT CLERK,

W. B. Renfrow, ... Matthews, N. C.

MEMBER STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

W. M. Lyles, ... Charlote, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Rev. L. R. Pruett..... Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. J. Q. Adams, ... Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. D. M. Austin, ... Charlotte, N. C.
W. M. Lyles, ... Charlotte, N. C.
J. A. Durham, ... Charlotte, N. C.

DELEGATE TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION,

T. J. Renfrow, ... Matthews, N. C.

ALTERNATE,

V. O. Willis, ... Charlotte, N. C.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION.

Rev. A. C. Barron, D. D., ...Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. D. M. Austin, ...Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. L. R. Pruett, ... Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. J. Q. Adams, ... Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. J. E. Smith, ... Concord, N. C.
E. J. Funderburk, ...Matthews, N. C.
F. M. Hinson, ... Arlington, N. C.
J. A. Durham, ... Charlotte, N. C.
W. M. Lyles, ...Charlotte, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. W. Abernathy, ... Matthews, N. C.
J. Q. Adams, ... Charlotte, N. C.
D. M. Austin, ... Charlotte, N. C.
A. C. Barron, D. D., ... Charlotte, N. C.
S. F. Conrad, ... Charlotte, N. C.
J. F. Davis, ... Charlotte, N. C.
D. F. Helms, ... Charlotte, N. C.
J. J. McLendon, ... Indian Trail, N. C.
L. R. Pruett, ... Charlotte, N. C.
J. E. Smith, ... Concord, N. C.
W. T. Talbirt, ... Concord, N. C.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION.

Arlington, N. C., Thursday, August 20th, 1903.

The eighteenth annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association called to order at 11 o'clock a. m., by the Moderator, T. J. Renfrow, and after singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and Prayer by Rev. S. F. Conrad, the moderator announced that the introductory sermon would be preached by Rev. J. Q. Adams, who chose as his text John 21:17.

Prayer by Rev. J. E. Smith, and motion made and carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by moderator and prayer by Rev. L. R. Pruett. Roll call of churches made, and following responded, and messengers enrolled:

Arlington—E. H. Hinson, E. H. Williams, W. R. Massey, J. H. Connell.

Chaney's Hill—C. P. Sossamon, T. A. Clontz, T. J. Faulk.

Clear Creek—R. H. McManus, M. A. Helms, J. S. Raider, H. W. Pigg.

Cold Water—J. W. Austin, T. V. Talbirt, Wm. Tucker, J. D. Smith, J. W. Connell.

First Church, Concord—Frank Smith, A. W. Morgan, Floyd Corzine.

Friendship—Not reprsented.

Hopewell—A. P. Sweet, G. M. Winecoff, John Williams, C. A. Hedgepeth.

Howells—T. D. Joyner, J. W. Honeycutt, W. McCurdy, Geo. Austin, L. E. Dorton.

Independence Hill—Not represented.

Long Creek—F. T. Beaty.

Louise—Not represented.

Matthews—E. J. Funderburk, T. A. Newell, T. J. Renfrow.

Newell—W. E. Hull, W. C. Sutton, L. E. Barbee.

Phaniel—J. M. Funderburk, Henry Denny, B. T. Funderburk, H. Heilig.

Pleasant Plain—J. J. McLendon, H. E. Helms, J. E. Broom, J. M. Paxton.

Pritchard Memorial—D. M. Austin, V. O. Willis, W. F. Dowd, J. J. Ezell.

Rock Hill, A. D. Crisco, J. W. Snyder.

Second Church, Concord—J. K. Gurley, D. M. Hawkins, Thos. Anderson.

Tryon Street—A. C. Barron, W. C. Dowd, J. A. Durham.

Twelfth Street—L. R. Pruett, S. F. Conrad, D. W. Fink, R. J. Boyd, W. M. Lyles.

Wilson's Grove—W. G. Stegall, E. S. Rushen, W. T. Mullis, A. L. Pigg.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The moderator announced that the next thing in order would be the election of officers and same entered into, and resulted as follows:

Moderator—T. J. Renfrow, Matthews.

Clerk—W. M. Lyles, Charlotte.

Assistant Clerk—W. B. Renfrow, Matthews.

Treasurer—D. W. Fink, Charlotte.

The following committees appointed by the moderator:

Order of Business—L. R. Pruett, J. Q. Adams, F. M. Hinson.

Finance—E. H. Williams, T. A. Newell, E. H. Hinson.

Time, Place and Preacher—W. T. Talbirt, A. W. Morgan, D. W. Fink.

Religious Exercises—The pastor and deacons of Arlington Church.

The Moderator recognized Prof. Gorrell, of Wake Forest, and Rev. J. M. Bridges, of King's Mountain Association, who spoke words of encouragement to the association.

Motion made by S. F. Conrad, and carried, that a committtee of three be apppointed to make a report on "Church Letters," and following named as this committee: S. F. Conrad, D. M. Austin, J. W. Snyder.

The committee on order of business announced that they were ready to report and submitted the following, and same adopted:

Thursday, 3:00 p. m.—Report on Temperance. Adjournment at will.

Friday, 9:00 a. m.—Devotional Exercise.

Friday, 10:00 a. m.—Report on Home Missions.

Friady, 11:00 a. m.—Report on Education.

Friday, 12:30 p. m.—Report on Periodicals.

Friday, 1 p. m.—Adjournment.

Friday, 2:00 p. m.—Report on State Missions.
Friday, 3:00 p. m.—Report on Orphanage.
Friday—Adjourn at will.
Saturday 9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.
Saturday, 10:00 a. m.—Report on Foreign Missions.
Saturday, 11:00 a. m. Report on Ministerial Relief.
Saturday, 2:00 p. m. Adjourn at will.
Saturday, 2:30 p. m.—Report on Sunday Schools.
Miscellaneous business. Adjournment.

Bro. E. H. Hinson was recognized by the Moderator, and spoke encouragingly of the work at Arlington church, and of the splendid meeting just closed.

The hour having arrived for the report on temperance, Rev. S. F. Conrad submitted following report, and same received:

"The cause of temperance was never in as good form as now. More towns and whole counties are without the open and licensed sale of liquor than ever bfore.

"The temperance sentiment has wonderfully grown within the last several years, and more especially in this State since the elimination of the negro as a controlling factor in the politics of the State.

"The Watts Bill, while strictly speaking, is not a temperance measure, has rid the State of nearly 500 distilleries, which gives absolute prohibition to a large majority of the counties.

"The organization of the 'Anti-Saloon League' has been an important factor in temperance reform, and is doing much to stop the licensed sale of liquor in both towns and counties.

"We will note that this great reform movement is equally as manifest in other Southern States. The evils of the liquor traffic, and its relation to crime and pauperism and taxation are now being considered as never before. We urge our people to put themselves in opposition to the liquor traffic, and when it is practicable to organize against it."

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. CONRAD.

The report was discussed by the following brethren: S. F. Conrad, J. E. Smith, W. M. Lyles, J. M. Bridges, J. Q. Adams, after which it was adopted by a rising vote.

At this time the messengers from Phaniel church were reconized, and came forward and were duly enrolled. At 4:30 p. m. motion made and carried to adjourn. Long metre doxology sung, and benediction by Rev. J. W. Snyder, and association stood adjourned until 9:30 Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Session called to order, and devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. M. Bridges, after which the Moderator announced that the regular order of business would be taken up. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Messengers from Clear Creek, Newell, Pleasant Plains and Wilson's Grove were recognized and were duly enrolled. At this time, Rev. J. E. Smith made report on Home Missions, as follows, and same received:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

"Another year has passed and we have to report gracious blessings from the Lord. Our boards undertook great things and our churches responded nobly. Over $100,000.00 was raised, 17,000 persons brought into the churches through the efforts of our missionaries. This sum is insignificant, compared to the great and imperative need everywhere. There are hundreds of cities in the South of more than 5,000 inhabitants that have only one, if any Baptist church. Thousands are congregating in our cities, and they are coming from all parts of the world to obtain employment in our mills and factories. What will become of them, and our own people, if we neglect their salvation? Fifteen hundred churches in the State of Texas are homeless and simliar condition prevails in many other points. The field is certainly white unto the harvest. Shall we go in and reap for the Master? As we are faithful at home, we shall be more successful in foreign fields. The Lord expects every one of His children to do his duty."

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. SMITH.

The report was ably discussed by J. E. Smith and Dr. Barron, after which same was adopted.

The hour having arrived for the report on education, Rev. J. Q. Adams announced his readiness to make the report, but upon motion this report was deferred until the afternoon session, and the report upon periodicals was made by W. C. Dowd, as follows, and same received:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

"There can be no intelligent or active co-operation on the part of Baptists in their denominational work without information as to the work being untertaken.

"This information cannot be received except through the de-

nominational papers. This being true, we earnestly recommend that the pastors of this Association urge all of their members to become subscribers to one or more of our papers.

We recommend to all Baptists, as worthy of their support, The Biblical Recorder, the North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, and the periodicals of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

"In order that greater interest may be aroused in the question of missions, we urge all Baptists to become subscribers to the Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal."

Respectfully submitted.

W. C. DOWD.

The report was discussed by the following brethren: S. F. Conrad, W. C. Dowd, L. R. Pruett, and an amendment offered by Rev. J. Q. Adams, that the periodicals of the Baptist Sunday School Board be included, and the report adopted as amended.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock. Benediction by Rev. D. M. Austin.

AFTERNOON SESSION, FRIDAY.

Association called to order at 2 o'clock. Hymn, "Nearer my God to Thee," sung, and prayer by Rev. D. M. Austin. The Moderator recognized the messenger from Long Creek Church, and he was duly enrolled.

The hour having arrived for the report on education, Rev. J. Q. Adams submitted the following, and same recived:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

"The importance of the subject of Education cannot be overestimated. We need better educated preachers and better educated deacons and Sunday school teachers. Indeed, the crying need of our churches today is not greater numbers, or greater wealth, or even greater piety, or more religion, but a cultured, educated and well trained and efficient church membership.

The usefulness of many a pious man has been curtailed for the want of an education. Many a pastor has been handicapped in his work for the want of efficient educated men and women in his church to carry out his well laid plans for extending his Master's kingdom.

"Nor is it possible to estimate the value of even one educated, consecrated man to any church or community. Place such a man in the average Baptist church and with tact and common sense he

will acquire an influence, in the course of time, that will enable him to work a revolution in the affairs of the church.

"We are glad to note the tidal wave of interest in the subject of education that has been sweeping over the State from the mountains to the sea. The people are clamoring for better schools and longer terms of service. We should never cease the agitation of this subject until we secure a free school term in our common schools of nine months for all children of school age.

"But while favoring free education in our common schools, we declare ourselves UTTERLY AND UNALTERABLY OPPOSED TO STATE AID FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

"To our boys seeking higher education, we recommend Wake Forest College as equal to any school in the State, and for Baptist boys as superior to any other. The moral and religious character of our sons are as safe at Wake Forest as at our homes.

"The Baptist Female University, at Raleigh, is intended to give to our girls the same advantages for higher education that Wake Forest offers to our boys, and we are glad to report that it is fully meeting this long felt want. In our judgement, this school is superior to any other school of like character in the State.

Our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky., for the education of young preachers, is too well and favorably known to need commendation in this report. Let our young preachers avail themselves of the superior advantages offered at this institution for Theological education.

"We are glad to report that since the last session of this body our Associational School, which has been much talked of for the last few years, has been successfully established at Arlington on a lot adjoining the one on which the Arlington church is located. The committee having this school in charge will make full report to this body concerning the school, and we need not speak of it, save to commend it to the support and patronage of the churches of our Association.

And finally: Let Christian parents educate their children under Christian influence. Let Baptist parents patronize Baptist institutions, and let all stand together for the VOLUNTARY SYSTEM in higher education."

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. ADAMS.

The report received, but before discussion of same, the report on our Associational School was made by W. C. Dowd, and same discussed by Bro. Dowd, who explained that it was necessary to have at least $150.00 pledged to support the school and the following pledges made:

T. J. Renfrow, Matthews,	$10.00.
F. M. Hinson, Arlington,	20.00.
W. F. Dowd, Charlotte,	10.00.
W. C. Dowd, Charlotte,	10.00.
A. W. Crabtree, Arlington,	10.00.
D. M. Austin, Charlotte,	10.00.
J. E. Sustare, Matthews,	10.00.
J. J. Ezell, Charlotte,	10.00.
W. S. Paxton, Matthews,	10.00.
Dr. A. C. Barron, Charlotte,	10.00.
V. O. Willis, Charlotte,	10.00.
A. W. McManus, Clear Creek,	10.00.
R. H. McManus, Clear Creek,	5.00.
W. M. Lyles, Charlotte,	5.00.
B. B. Estridge, Arlington,	5.00.
J. Brafford, Arlington,	5.00.
Total	$150.00.

After these pledges were taken, the report submitted by Rev. J. Q. Adams was ably discussed by Prof. Gorrell, of Wake Forest, J. Q. Adams, D. M. Austin, A. W. Crab tree and F. M. Hinson. The report unanimously adopted.

Motion made by W. C. Dowd, and seconded, that a committee of three be appointed to report back to the Association in reference to changing our mode of pledges for the various objects, and, after some discussion, following committee named: Dr. A. C. Barron, J. Q. Adams, J. E. Smith.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME PLACE AND PREACHER.

The committee on "Time, place and preacher" announced their readiness to report.

Amendment offered by Rev. J. Q. Adams, changing time from

that reporoted by committee to Thursday before second Sunday in September, and same carried as amended.

The report as adopted is as follows:

Time—11 o'clock, Thursday before second Sunday in September, 1904.

Place—Pritchard Memorial church, Charlotte, N. C.

Preacher—Rev. J. E. Smith, Concord, N. C.

Alternate—Rev. D. F. Helms, Charlotte, N. C.

A request came from Howells and Daniels churches for letters of dismission, the former to become a member of the Stanly Association, the latter to join the South Yadkin, and same granted, and letters ordered drawn.

Motion made to adjourn. Benediction by Dr. Barron.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. S. F. Conrad, beginning at 10 o'clock. Moderator called the Association to order at 10:30 o'clock, and the messengers from Chaneys Hill were recognized, and they were duly enrolled. This church asked for a letter of dismission to become a member of the Stanly Association, and same granted, and letter ordered drawn.

In the absence of Rev. D. F. Helms, who was to make the report on Sunday schools, the Moderator named Rev. L. R. Pruett to do this work.

The time having arrived for the report on State Missions, Rev. L. R. Pruett made following report and same received:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

"The work of the State Mission Board is more important than ever before in the history of our convention. There are new and uncultivated fields that ought to be occupied at once. There are many towns and cities in North Carolina growing in comemrcial interest and population. Such a concentration of business and civic life open up the way for missionary effort in the State.

"In the many fields now occupied there are marks of progress, and there are many reasons for taking courage and going forward. In looking at a summary of last year's work we see how wonderfully God has blessed the labors of our missionaries throughout the State. There were about 100 missionaries employed by the board: 8,304 sermons preached, 2,222 conversions reported and 1,176 baptisms during the year.

"The work is laid out this year on a $25,000 basis. If all the fields were occupied, more than double this amount would be ap-

propriated. Much of this destitution is within the bounds of our own Association. We need at least three more men in the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association.

"There should be an increase in the contributions from our churches during the coming year.

The Master says, "LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST."

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. PRUETT.

The report was ably discussed by L. R. Pruett, S. F. Conrad, J. J. McLendon and D. M. Austin, and same unanimously adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of D. M. Austin, it was ordered that a special committee, consisting of five (5) members, be appointed by the Moderator, whose duty shall consist in canvassing the willingness of the churches of this Association as to the advisability of employing a good and able man to labor in the bounds of the Association. This committee to report to the executive committee at their earliest conveniences. This committee consists of the following brethren: J. E. Smith, Concord, N. C.; F. M. Hinson, Arlington, N. C.; S. F. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C.; V. O. Willis, Charlotte, N. C.; T. J. Renfrow, Matthews, N. C.

APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

The following resolution offered by Rev. J. Q. Adams, and same unanimously carried:

"Resolved, That the executive committtee be instructed to make an apportionment of amounts to be raised for the objects of the convention among the churches of the Association, and that a committee of three (3) be appointed in each church to look after the raising of the amounts apportioned."

The hour having arrived for the report on Foreign Missions, Dr. A. C. Barron submitted following, and same received:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It was very evident at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention, held last May in Savannah, that we are in the midst of a great foreign mission revival. The year previous, the convention called on the churches of the convention to raise $200,000.

At Savannah, the Foreign Mission Board reported $218,000 raised; that is $18,000 more than was hoped for. Under the inspiration of this announcement the convention authorized the board to call for the sum of $300,000 for the current year, and it is confidently expected that the churches will respond promptly to this call.

North Carolina is asked to raise at least $25,000 of this amount. The churches of this Association ought to esteem it a favor to aid in this great endeavor of the Southern Baptist Convention to give the gospel to the world. Your committee earnestly urge the delegates to increase their pledges to this cause for the coming year.

Reports and letters from missionaries in the field show that God is greatly blessing their labors. Attendance upon worship is increasing, and converts are being multiplied, and the outlook is most promising.

Let us every one share in the good work by our prayers and gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. BARRON.

Report discussed by Dr. Barron and same unanimously adopted.

Motion made and carried that the Moderator appoint a committee of four (4) to name the executive committee for ensuing year, and following named as such committee: S. F. Conrad, E. J. Funderburk, F. M. Hinson, W. M. Lyles.

A special collection amounting to $9.00 was taken and allowed the clerk for services rendered. Motion made and carried to adjourn. Benediction by Dr. A. C. Barron.

EVENING SESSION (SATURDAY).

The Association called to order at 2 o,clock by the Moderator, and prayer by Rev. L. R. Pruett. The Moderator made following apppointments for next Association:

Report on Foreign Missions, J. E. Smith, Concord.
Report on State Missions, A. C. Barron, Charlotte.
Report on Home Missions, D. M. Austin, Charlotte.
Orphanage, J. Q. Adams, Charlotte.
Periodicals, F. S. Conrad, Charlotte, Charlotte.
Ministerial Relief, L. R. Pruett, Charlotte.
Sunday Schools, W. D. Adams, Charlotte.
Education, W. C. Dowd, Charlotte.
Temperance, W. M. Lyles, Charlotte.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The report on Orphanage was made by W. D. Adams, as follows:

"The Baptist hosts of our State have always regarded the Orphanage at Thomasville with a very tender love. Above all other objects, it is the denomination's especial care. Ever since its organization, as it has struggled onward and upward, it has occupied a warm place in the hearts of the Baptist people of our State.

The spirit of true benevolence moved our fathers to establish our orphanage, and the good that it has accomplished has been inestimable.

Motherless and fatherless children from every community in the State having been taken in and given a Christian education enabling them to become ideal citizens in our Christian Commonwealth.

There are now in our orphanage more than 260 children, who are reared under the best home influences. We can gain no conception of the glorious work being done by our denomination. Many shall rise up and call us blessed when the last day shall come.

We commend the management as having been remarkably satisfactory and economical. J. B. Boone is a director of rare qualities. Charity and Children, the organ of the orphanage, with Archibald Johnson as editor, is an ideal Christian publication. It is an exceedingly interesting religious journal, and gives to us a deep insight into the work of the orphanage,

Every church in the Association, through its Sunday school, should secure clubs to "Charity and Children," and when distributed should insist that each copy be carefully read.

Let us rally about our orphanage and remember it in our monthly contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. ADAMS.

The report received, and discussed by W. D. Adams, after which it was unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Some years ago our State Convention appointed a board, consisting of ten members, to relieve the necessities of our destitute and aged ministers. This board is located at Durham. C.

J. Thompson is president and J. F. McDuffie corresponding secretary.

Last year twenty-three were aided by this board. The sums allowed individuals range from $10.00 to $85.00, aggregating $1,110.00.

To aid our needy brethren should be esteemed a privilege. It should be a work of love.

Matthew 25:40—"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Then let all our churches contribute freely to this object.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. McLENDON.

Report received, and discussed by J. J. McLendon, and same unanimously adopted.

The special committee named to recommend the Executive Committee announced their readiness to report, and submitted following:

We, your committee named to recommend an Executive Committee, beg to recommend as follows: L. R. Pruett, J. Q. Adams, D. M. Austin, W. M. Lyles, J. A. Durham.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. CONRAD,
E. J. FUNDERBURK,
F. M. HINSON,
W. M. LYLES,
Committee.

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

The special committee named to make a report on church letters announced their readiness to make report, and submitted the following:

"Your committee has found it difficult to offer satisfactory report because of a lack of having all the letters from the churches. Also to give any comparative statistics, because of the many inacuries in last year's minutes.

"We find the figures wholly unreliable and untrustworthy for comparison. For instance: Pleasant Plains is reported as paying their pastor $555.00 and Pritchard Memorial paying only $20.00.

"We also find a number of church letters gotten up in bad form, some of them being written in a bad hand, upon slips of paper, and inacurate in their statistics as compared with last year's work.

"From the letters we learn that ten of the churches report no gain, while five of them report an actual loss of 27 members. Ten others report a gain of 185.

"We note that some of our best churches are making practically no numerical advance. The church at Matthews reports a loss of five, while the First Church of Concord reports a net gain of only four.

"Seven churches report nothing contributed to home missions, while four others report the pitiful sum of $1.00 each. We find eleven churches of this Association paying their pastors an average of less than $55.00, while seven of this number pay less than this amount.

"From the letters, we are led to believe that this Association, outside of the city churches, is neglecting the rural districts, and that our work is poorly and unsatisfactorily done.

We desire to submit the following recommendations: 1ts. That the churches, through our clerk, procure a blank letter to fill out for the Association.

2nd. That these letters be sent in at least ten days before the meeting of the body, so as to enable the clerk to do much of the needed work before the body meets.

3rd. That this Association take a new departure as to its methods of Associational work; That we endeavor to secure live, active pastors, and that all of the churches be supplied with preaching.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. CONRAD,
D. M. AUSTIN,
Committee.

The report received, and discussed by S. F. Conrad and J. Q. Adams, and same adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Rev. L. R. Pruett made following report on Sunday schools, and and same received:

The Sunday school work commends itself to the people of the State. The most of our converts come from our Sunday school ranks, and our best church workers are trained in the Sunday schools. Your committee would, therefore, recommend that our churches wake up in the Sunday school work.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. PRUETT.

The report discussed by J. J. McLendon and J. Q. Adams, and unanimously adopted.

Election of delegates to Southern Baptist Convention and to State Convention was gone into and resulted as follows:

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: T. J. Renfrow, Matthews; alternate, V. O. Willis, Charlotte.

Delegates to State Convention: Dr. A. C. Barron, D. M. Austin, L. R. Pruett, J. Q. Adams, J. E. Smith, E. J. Funderburk, J. A. Durham, W. M. Lyles.

W. M. Lyles was re-elected as a member of the State Board of Missions.

The Finance Committee made following report, and same adopted:

Received for following causes:

Foreign Missions,	$25.00.
Home Missions,	9.73.
State Missions,	11.85.
Orphanage,	13.25.
Education,	1.00
Old Ministers,	2.00.
Minutes,	29.55.
Total	$92.38.

The retiring treasurer, Bro. J. A. Durham made following report, and same adopted:

Received for following causes:

Foreign Misssions,	$ 4.00.
Home Missions,	7.00.
State Missions,	12.00.
Orphanage,	3.00.
B. F. University,	37.21.
Total	$63.91.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Upon motion of L. R. Pruett, a vote of thanks was tendered the good people of Arlington and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality. The moderator called for a standing vote upon this motion, and same was unanimously carried.

Feeling remarks made by Bro. F. M. Hinson, T. J. Renfrow,

and others. The business of the Association having been finished, a motion made by Rev. J. Q. Adams, and carried, to adjourn, and after singing that old familiar hymn, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," and prayer by Rev. J. Q. Adams, and the entire congregation joining in a hearty handshake, the 18th annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association stood adjourned to meet with Pritchard Memorial Church, Charlotte, N. C., at 11 o'clock a. m., Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1904.

T. J. RENFROW, Moderator.
W. M. LYLES, Clerk.
W. B. RENFROW, Ass't Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Pastors and Their Addresses	Clerks and Their Addresses	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Total	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Male Membership	Female Membership	Total Membership	Seating Capacity of Church
Arlington	J. F. Davis, Charlotte	W. A. Connell, Arlington	32	4	3	39	5	9	0	14	108	115	223	700
Clear Creek	" " "	L. S. Pigg, Brief	11	....	....	11	....	...	....	.....	39	61	100	300
Cold Water	J. E. Smith, Concord	T. V. Talbirt, Concord	....	....	.. .	....	15	....	1	16	38	40	78	300
1st Church, Concord	" " "	J. E. Wright, "	14	25	....	39	6	25	3	34	133	201	334	.....
Friendship	D. W. Thomason, Belmont,	C. Garrison, Shopton,	....	....	....	....	1	.. .	....	1	15	19	34	300
Hopewell	W. J. Wyatt, Pearth	H. Winecoff Davidson	...	....	....	. .	....	....	1	1	24	26	50	200
Independence Hill	Wm. Walters, Monroe	C. S. Davis, Croft	....	....	. .	....	....	....	2	2	15	27	42	300
Long Creek	C. M. Murchison, Penelope,	J. S. Underwood, Sandifer	....	7	....	7	....	....	....	....	14	23	37	300
Louise	D. F. Helms, Charlotte	C. M. Robinson, Charlotte	17	24	....	41	11	2	....	13	40	67	107	600
Matthews	D. M. Austin, "	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	....	....	....	....	2	....	3	5	57	84	141	400
Newells		W. E. Hull. Newells	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	11	20	31	200
Pleasant Plains	W.S. Walters, Trades'le, S.C	J. E. Broom, Indian Trail	7	3	....	10	3	....	....	.....	32	51	83	350
Pritchard Memorial	J. Q. Adams, Charlotte	F. D Lethco, Charlotte	11	25	3	39	8	....	2	10	34	66	100	300
Rock Hill	J. W. Snyder, Concord	A. D. Crisco, Concord	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	7	12	200
2nd Church, Concord	W. T. Talbirt, "	W. F. Stegall, "	16	45	....	61	2	....	1	3	37	52	89	500
Tryon Street	A. C. Barron, Charlotte	J. A. Durham, Charlotte	14	60	3	77	18	....	3	21	183	263	446	500
12th Street	L. R. Pruett, "	W. M. Lyles, "	11	30	2	43	17	2	3	22	88	174	262	350
Wilson's Grove	D. F. Helms, "	W. T. Mullis, Hornet	....	1	....	1	...	....	2	2	20	38	58	400
Total			133	224	11	368	88	38	21	147	893	2234	3127	6200

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Churches	Superintendents and Their Addresses	Secretaries and Their Addresses	No. Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	Total	Average Attendance	Baptisms from School	Quarterlies Taken	Volumes in Library	Contributions	Expenses	Months Kept Open
Arlington	F, M. Hinson, Arlington...	F. A. Hamilton, Arlington,	7	70	77	50	6	75	.....	.....	$ 9 00	12
Clear Creek	L. S. Pigg, Brief	Reece Hagler, Arlington..	7	50	57	35	...	50	.....	.....	3 50	9
Cold Water	T. V. Talbirt, Concord	W. H. Brafford, Concord ..	6	38	44	27	....	38	.....	.....	5 20	12
1st Church, Concord..	W. Hopkins, Concord	W. Kirk, Concord.....	10	238	248	180	4	300	100	$ 95 00	55 00	12
Friendship	S. Q. Garrison, Shopton....	W. N. Mitchell, Charlotte.	7	22	29	25	....	88	....	.....	16 00	12
Hopewell	A. P. Sweet, Cornelius	W. L. Archey, Caldwell...	6	35	41	30	....	38	....	.....	2 26	6
Independence Hill...	J. R. Adkins. Croft.....	C. S. Davis, Croft	5	35	40	30	....	40	.....	.....	.....	9
Long Creek	J. A. White, Sandifer....	D. R. Beaty, Sandifer.....	6	40	46	35	....	50	.....	.....	2 50	6
Louise	C. M. Robinson, Charlotte.	J. A. Newton, Charlotte...	10	155	165	76	6	581	.....	7 75	49 76	12
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews..	E.A.Funderburk,Matthews	9	100	109	60	...	150	.....	41 00	16 00	12
Newell	W. E. Hull, Newell	L. A. Barbee, Newell	7	31	38	20	....	192	...	.....	7 64	12
Pleasant Plains	W. S. Paxton, Matthews...	Pearl Helms, Matthews...	10	60	70	40	7	400	.....	.....	10 00	12
Pritchard Memorial.	W. F. Dowd, Charlotte	R. E. Poole, Charlotte	10	115	125	87	8	150	.....	145 69	66 00	12
Rock Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2nd Church, Concord.	J. R. Haney, Concord.....	D M. Hawkins, Concord...	10	210	220	100	8	307	.....	.....	28 71	12
Tryon Street	T. S. Franklin, Charlotte..	R W. Barnett, Charlotte..	24	455	479	275	....	2000	100	.....	241 40	12
12th Street	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte ...	J. H. Fidler. Charlotte.....	16	165	181	110	9	350	.....	36 00	27 15	12
Wilson's Grove	W. R. Small, Charlotte	W. T. Mullis. Hornet.....	5	72	77	.....	....	83	....	.....	3 19	6

FINANCIAL TABLE--MONEY PAID IN.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers Relief.	Poor Fund.	Minutes.	Other Objects.	Total Contributions.
Arlington	$ 75 00	$ 2 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 10 00	$ 10 00	$10 00	$.....	$.....	$ 2 00	$ 310 00	$ 429 00
Chaneys Hill	25 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	28 00
Clear Creek	50 00	10 25	4 00	3 40	5 75	5 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 20	.....	80 60
Cold Water	50 00	.....	4 00	4 00	8 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....	1 50	5 50	75 50
1st Church Concord	900 00	325 00	20 00	20 00	50 00	40 00	.....	.....	8 00	2 00	190 00	1 555 00
Friendship	71 00	50	5 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	85	110 00	204 35
Hopewell	50 00	25 00	2 00	1 00	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	75	.....	81 75
Howells	75 00	.....	3 00	.....	3 00	13 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	94 50
Independence Hill	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00
Long Creek	60 00	2 00	4 00	.....	4 00	6 30	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	78 30
Louise	103 55	262 17	2 00	1 50	5 00	7 75	.....	.....	.....	1 10	176 87	559 94
Matthews	225 00	25 00	7 00	7 00	18 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	11 00	2 00	.....	315 00
Newell	52 04	4 66	10 00	.....	.....	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 77	30	110 83	184 60
Phaniels	50 00	70	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	25	200 00	253 95
Pleasant Plains	75 00	.....	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	80 50
Pritchard Memorial	755 00	305 69	137 04	72 10	27 45	28 08	9 10	.....	11 87	3 50	2 712 03	4 061 86
Rock Hill	40 00	11 85	1 00	.....	1 00	1 25	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	55 85
2nd Church Concord	100 00	86 03	2 00	1 00	5 00	2 00	.....	.....	2 50	2 00	29 50	230 03
Tryon Street	1 800 00	1 000 00	510 50	350 00	151 10	140 74	65 00	.....	269 13	7 50	1 910 58	6 204 55
12th Street	585 47	187 85	5 50	5 00	5 00	36 60	.....	.....	8 12	3 00	83 80	919 74
Wilson's Grove	100 00	.....	2 00	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	107 00
Total	$ 5 302 06	$ 2 248 70	$726 04	$481 00	$303 70	$316 12	$90 10	$9 00	$313 39	$30 70	$ 5 540 11	$15 360 02

APPORTIONMENT TABLE

Churches	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers Relief.	Total
Arlington	$ 10 00	$ 5 00	$ 10 00	$ 10 00	$ 1 00	$ 2 00	$ 38 00
Clear Creek	7 50	5 00	7 50	5 00	1 00	1 00	27 00
Cold Water	7 50	5 00	10 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	32 50
1st Church, Concord	50 00	25 00	50 00	40 00	5 00	5 00	175 00
Friendship	10 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	32 00
Hopewell	10 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	32 00
Independence Hill	7 50	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	24 50
Long Creek	10 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	32 00
Louise	10 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	32 00
Matthews	25 00	10 00	20 00	20 00	5 00	2 00	82 00
Newells	7 50	5 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	29 50
Pleasant Plains	10 00	5 00	7 50	5 00	1 00	1 00	29 50
Pritchard Memorial	50 00	40 00	40 00	25 00	5 00	1 00	161 00
Rock Hill	5 00	2 50	3 50	3 00	1 00	1 00	16 00
2nd Church, Concord	7 50	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	24 50
Tryon Street	500 00	150 00	200 00	100 00	25 00	10 00	985 00
12th Street	20 00	10 00	15 00	36 00	5 00	1 00	87 00
Wilson's Grove	7 50	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	24 50
Total	$ 755 00	$ 297 50	$ 423 50	$ 290 00	$59 00	$34 00	$1864 50

SUGGESTIONS.

1st. Let each church appoint a committee of one or more, on each of the above objects, and require them to report quarterly to the church the amounts raised.

2nd. Let the pastors preach at least quarterly on the objects of the Convention, and keep them constantly before the churches.

3rd. With the pastors and deacons rests largely the responsibility of raising the above amounts. Brethren, do your duty. The eye of the Master is upon you.

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association



Nineteenth Annual Session, Held with Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church.

...1904...

Minutes of the 19th Annual Session

OF THE

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Baptist Association

HELD AT

PRITCHARD MEMORIAL CHURCH,

Charlotte, N. C.,

September 8th, 9th and 10th, 1904.

The next session will be held at Cornelius, with Hopewell church, beginning Thursday before the second Sunday in September, at 11 o'clock a. m. Introductory sermon by Rev. J. Q. Adams, Charlotte, N. C. Alternate, Rev. J. S. Bookhart, Newell.

Directory of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association.

Officers of the Association.

MODERATOR,

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REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., September 8th, 1904.

The nineteenth annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association met with the Pritchard Memorial Baptist church in Charlotte, and after singing, "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord," the meeting was led in prayer by Rev. J. P. Bridges, of Lincolnton. In the absence of Rev. J. E. Smith, the appointee to preach the introductory sermon, who was delayed in consequence of a wreck on the railroad, by request Dr. A. C. Barron addressed the body in a most appropriate sermon from Isaiah 52:1: "Awake! awake! put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city."

The sermon was followed with prayer by Rev. C. M Murchison. By motion Rev. S. F. Conrad was appointed secretary pro tem. to receive the church letters and record the delegates. On motion adjourned until 3:30 p. m. to effect a permanent organization of the body. Benediction by S. F. Conrad.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Rev. L. R. Pruett.

The Association was called to order by T. J. Renfrow, the moderator. Letters were called for and delegates enrolled.

Letters were handed in from the following churches and the following delegates reported:

Arlington—W. R. Massey, E. H. Hinson and Reece Hagler.

Clear Creek—L. A. Fergerson, J. S. Pigg, J. T. Estridge and A. W. McManus.

Cold Water—J. W. Connell, L. M. Fisher and J. W. Austin.

First Church, Concord—J. E. Smith, John S. Roberts, R. L. Seaford, John E. Wright, Charles Wright and Wm. Corzine.

Friendship—A. C. Fisher, R. J. Mitchell, J. T. Mitchell and D. W. Thomason.

Cornelius, (Hopewells)—C. M. Murchison, A. P. Sweet, R. D. Mooney and Noah Winecoff.

Huntersville—By letter only.

Independence Hill—S. W. Davis, I. B. Flowers and W. G. Wiley.

Newell—J. A. Bookhart, L. A. Barbee, W. E. Hull and W. C. Sutton.

Second Church, Concord—J. K. Gurley, F. G. Blockwelder and D. M. Hawkins.

Louise—D. F. Helms, J. A. Newton, A. B. McKinnon and C. F. Childers.

Long Creek—L. L. Grass, J. S. Underwood and J. A. White.

Matthews—T. J. Renfrow, J. W. Pitman, T. A. Newell and J. C. Helms.

Ninth Avenue—L. R. Pruett, S. F. Conrad, J. H. Fidler, R. J. Boyd, Z. D. Boyd, W. M. Lyles and T. J. Sprinkle.

Pritchard Memorial—J. Q. Adams, W. F. Dowd, V. O. Willis, J. J. Ezell, Z. V. Kendrick and C. W. Jones.

Pleasant Plain—J. J. McLendon, J. E. Brown, Elgin Boyd and W. S. Paxton.

Tryon Street—A. C. Barron, R. H. Jordan, J. F. Mosteller, E. B. Littlefield, Willis Brown, C. G. McManaway and J. B. Bowden.

Wilson Grove—J. C. Hager and J. W. Whilley.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers. Dr. J. Q. Adams put in nomination for Moderator W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte, which was seconded by Rev. J. E. Smith. There being no other nominations brother Dowd was unanimously elected by a rising vote. Brother Dowd accepted the nomination by expressing his appreciation of the honor conferred and also by extending to all a most cordial welcome to Charlotte.

On motion of Dr. J. Q. Adams Dr. A. C Barron was asked to cast the vote of the Association for Rev. S. F. Conrad for Clerk. Whereupon Dr. Barron, in deference to the wishes of S. F. Conrad, cast the vote for Rev. J. E. Smith, the Moderator ruling that S. F. Conrad was unanimously elected and the ruling so stood.

On motion brother D. W. Fink was re-elected Treasurer.

On motion of S. F. Conrad a committee was appointed consisting of S. F. Conrad, T. J. Renfrow and W. F. Dowd to make a digest of the church letters and to report to the Association.

Dr. A. C. Barron then moved that all visiting brethren

be invited to seats. Whereupon Rev. J. S. Farmer reported as the representative of the Biblical Recorder and Rev. D. P. Bridges, of Lincolnton, as a visitor from the South Fork Association.

The Moderator then asked for new churches with letters to report. Whereupon a new church organized at Chadwick Mills, a new church organized at Pineville and one at Union Grove presented letters for admission. These applications were all referred to a special committee, appointed by the Moderator, to examine into their organization and orthodoxy and to report their investigations to this bodv The Moderator appointed as this committed Rev. D. M Austin, Rev. J. E. Smith and Rev. J. F. Davis.

Pending the report of this committee the Moderator called upon the former Moderator, T. J. Renfrow, for a speech to which he responded in words of encouragement.

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Moderator then appointed on order of business the following committee: Drs. Adams, Barron and Pruett, who submitted the following partial report:

4:30 p. m.—Periodicals.
8:00 p. m.—Introductory sermon.
8:45 p. m.—Report on temperance.

The committee to report on the new churches applying for admission then came in and unanimously favored their reception. The delegates were invited forward and given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator, followed by the entire Association.

The Moderator then appointed Z. V. Kendrick, J. A. Durham and D. F. Helms as a finance committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The newspaper, as a medium of information, is indispensably necessary, and as an educator is of inestimable importance. No people can be an aggressive people who do not read, and no individual church member can be an aggressive Christian without proper information as to the work being done.

It is highly important to discriminate between the cheap, trashy literature of our time and the literature which elevates and purifies the life. Bad reading matter is more destructive than unwholesome food, because one has to do with the physical and the other the spiritual man.

The denominational paper can be effective only as it is read, and the problems of the age is how to enlist our people in reading our own papers. For good and wholesome reading and for widening the scope of the knowledge of our people we can claim, without boasting, that the papers representing our denominational life and work are unsurpassed. For editorial ability tney are equal to the best. We, therefore, most heartily recommend the Biblical

Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field and Periodical Literature of the Board as each filling important places in our denominational life and work.

S. F. CONRAD.

The report on periodicals was called for and read by S. F. Conrad, who yielded the floor to Rev. J. S. Farmer, the representative of the Biblical Recorder, who discussed the report and was followed by S. F. Conrad, representing the North Carolina Baptist.

After announcements Association adjourned by benediction until night.

NIGHT SESSION.

The body met and was opened by singing and scripture reading by Rev. J. E. Smith and was led in prayer by Rev. J. F. Davis. Brother Smith, the appointee to preach the introductory sermon, then announced as his text Isaiah 60:11: "Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night." The subject discussed was "the establishment, exultation and triumph of the church."

After the sermon the report on temperance was called for and read by W. M. Lyles as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The temperance cause in North Carolina since the State election twenty-three years ago has made most rapid progress, and one county after another has abolished saloons until quite a large number of the largest and most populous counties in the State, by action of its citizens, by petitions for legislative enactments and by popular vote have abolished the licensed sale of liquor. Among these we mention Cleveland, Gaston, Cabarrus, Lincoln, Union, Scotland, Cumberland, Robeson, Sampson, Bladen, Pender, Columbus, Onslow, Duplin, Harnett, Chatham and others. Under the Watts law and since the elimination of the colored vote a large majority of the towns in the State have voted to abolish the licensed sale of liquor. This great reform has largely been brought about by the gradual growth of temperance sentiment among the churches and the attitude assumed toward the licensed liquor traffic by the religious denominations in the State.

It is stated on good authority that nineteen gallons and over of intoxicants are consumed in this country annually for every man, woman and child in the nation, and 80,000 of our American citizenship are slain every year by the drink habit, 75 per cent. of the orphans in our asylums are there from liquor, and that 85 per cent. of the crime before our criminal courts, and also that 75 per cent. of the convicts in our prisons are there from this cause. In view of the enormity of the evils arising from this cause, we, therefore, urge our people not to cease their efforts against the traffic until it is driven from the State. We also urge that as soon as it is practicable to seek for a constitutional amendment abolishing its license, manufacture and sale from the State, and also to withhold their suffrage from men who are the open advocates of its licensed sale.

This report was discussed by S. F. Conrad and Dr. A. C. Barron, after which it was unanimously adopted.

The committee on order of business then made a further report:

Friday, 9:30 to 10 a. m.—Devotional exercises, by J. J. McLendon.

10 to 1 p. m.—State and Associational Missions.

The Association was then adjourned with benediction by Rev. J. L. Stough.

FRIDAY'S SESSION.

Association met at 9:30 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. J. McLenden, after which the body was called to order by W. C. Dowd, the moderator. The minutes of the first day's session were read and approved.

The Moderator recognized in the audience Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest College, Rev. J. B. Boone, the general manager of the Orphanage at Thomasville, Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children, and Rev. L. Johnson, Secretary of the Board of Missions, all of whom were welcomed to seats in the Association.

The report on State Missions was then called for and read by Dr. A. C. Barron. It was discussed by Rev. L. Johnson, Dr. A. C. Barron, A. Johnson, Prof. J. B. Carlyle, Rev. A. L. Stough and many others. Brother Stough reported the progress of the work at Pineville, Rev. C. M. Murchison spoke of the encouraging work at Chadwick, Huntersville and Cornelius, Rev. J. S. Bookhart, spoke of the promising work at Newell, Dr. J. Q. Adams spoke of the marvelous work done at Pritchard Memorial, Rev. L. R. Pruett told of the great achievements at Ninth Avenue, Rev. J. E. Smith spoke of the great progress of the work at the First church in Concord, Rev. D. P. Bridges reviewed the remarkable progress of missions in the South Fork Association, W. T. Talbirt spoke of the rapid growth of the work at the Second church in Concord. This was one of the most spirited and enthusiastic meetings of the whole session and resulted in pledges for the State mission work amounting to $821.00. This great discussion and pledges was followed by the whole Association rising and singing the doxology. The report was most enthusiastically adopted and pledges taken. (See table of pledges.)

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Enlargement needs to be written large on the work of State missions for this year. Enlargement was in the very air at the Charlotte convention last

December. State missions is the very basis of all our missionary and benevolent work, for it is only as we have growing and liberal churches at home that the general work can prosper. The growth of interest in State missions in the last ten years has been remarkable. Year by year we have advanced in our gifts to this cause until now we have arranged our work on the basis of $30,000 for 1904. This large amount must be raised this year, and a still larger sum for the year following. North Carolina has taken its position in the front rank of States doing large things for the cause of State missions. Only two or three States in the Southern Baptist Convention raise larger sums and employ more missionaries than our board.

Enlargement, too, is the key-word for Associational missions. We must do larger things in our own boundaries. The Baptist cause, while it has grown in this Association, has not kept pace with the material growth of our section. There is a marvelous increase of wealth and population in the bounds of our Association. People are coming from every section into our towns and cities, and manufacturing enterprises are springing up like magic on every hand. Baptists must keep step with this growth and it must be quick-step. The laggard pace of the past will not do.

The Executive Board of the Association have felt this deeply and so determined at the beginning of the year to take decided steps forward. About $600 had been expended annually by the State Board on the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association. It was felt by our board that we must have some new missionaries located in our boundaries and devote themselves wholly to the work of developing our smaller churches and planting new interests. So a proposition was made to the State Board for an expenditure of one thousand dollars this year on this field. We offered to raise from our churches $700 of this amount if the State Board would add the sum of $300. This the board generously agreed to and we are now working under this arrangement—that is the expenditure by the board on this field of $1,000, provided $700 of this sum is raised here. Under this arrangement some new men have been brought on the field, who are doing some fine work, and others will be brought as soon as the churches raise their quoto. Brethren, this must be done, or our cause thrown back for years. If we can continue this generous arrangement with the State Board for five years we will then see the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association one of the strongest in the State.

In order to stimulate this movement to raise $700 this year one of our churches agreed to raise one-half of this sum; that is, $350. There are now 20 other churches in the Association with an aggregate membership of over 2,700. Surely these 20 churches and 2,700 members can raise as much as this one church of 500 members. Does it not seem reasonable? If every church will do its best—if every member of our churches will realize their responsibility (and this they will do if the pastors will faithfully and perseveringly press this matter) there will be no lack. Indeed we can do far better than raise $700 for State missions, especially in view of the fact that the whole sum and $300 in addition will be expended on our field. Your committee hope the churches will immediately raise their quotos.

A. C. Barron, Chairman.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

On Time and Place—Rev. C. M. Murchison, Rev. J. E. Smith and T. J. Renfrow.

On Religious Exercises—Dr. J. Q. Adams, Dr. A. C. Barron and Rev. L. R. Pruett.

Executive Committee—Rev. L. R. Pruett, J. Q. Adams, D. M. Austin, W. M. Lyles, J. A. Durham and A. C. Barron.

The committee then announced the further order of business:

FRIDAY,

3:30 to 4:30 p. m.—Orphanage.
8:00 p. m.—Foreign Missions and Education.

SATURDAY.

9:30 to 10:00 a. m.—Devotional Exercises, by Rev. J. S. Farmer.
10:00 to 11:00 a. m.—Home Missions.
11:00 to 12 a. m.—Sunday Schools.
12:00 to 1:00 p. m.—Ministers Relief and Miscellaneous Business.

Association then adjourned with benediction by Rev. L. Johnson.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The evening session was opened with prayer by Rev. J. B. Boone. The Moderator then called the body to order and asked for the reading of the minutes of the morning session, which were read and approved.

The Moderator recognized in the body Rev. J. W. Wheeler of the M. E. Church, who addressed the Association with a few remarks. The report on the Orphanage was then called for.

The report was read by Dr. J. Q. Adams, who waived its discussion in behalf of Rev. J. B. Boone, the General Manager, who prefaced his remarks by reading Psalm 68:5—"A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation." After some comments upon the significance of this passage he reviewed the work of the Orphanage, telling of its struggles and triumphs and of its marvelous progress and growth.

Archibald Johnson spoke of "Charity and Children" and its relation to the Orphanage work. He was followed by words of commendation by Prof. J. B. Carlyle, Dr. Adams and J. J. McLendon, also by Rev. L Johnson, who spoke of the splendid equipment of the Orphanage and the work it is doing.

The report was adopted and pledges taken. (See table of pledges.)

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

"An infant crying in the night,
An infant crying for the light,
And no language but a cry."

Nothing appeals to the human heart more strongly than the cry of a little child, and intensity is added to the appeal if it be the cry of an orphan child.

The Baptists of North Carolina have heard the cry of the orphan children of the state, and they have established, at Thomasville, an asylum where shelter and protection and education is furnished many of these homeless ones.

From a small beginning our Orphanage has grown to be the largest institution of its kind in the state, with 17 matrons and teachers, 300 orphans and 8 substantial and well furnished buildings. Its equipment has been augmented from time to time until now, in all respects, we have an institution of which we are justly proud.

Our Orphanage is doing a great and a Christ-like work and we commend it to the hearty support of our churches and Sunday-schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. ADAMS.

The question of pledging the churches provoked considerable discussion which was finally put to a vote, by Rev. L. R. Pruett moving that the plan of apportionment be continued, which was lost. On motion of Rev. S. F. Conrad, the Association adopted the plan of taking pledges.

REPORTS FOR NEXT SESSION.

The Moderator announced the following brethren to prepare reports for the next session of the body:

Report on Foreign Missions—Dr. J. Q. Adams.
Report on Home Missions—Dr. A. C. Barron.
Report on State Missions—Rev. C. M. Murchison.
Report on Orphanage—J. A. Durham.
Report on Periodicals—Rev. J. F. Davis.
Report on Ministerial Relief—Rev. W. T. Talbirt.
Report on Sunday Schools—T. S. Franklin.
Report on Education—Rev. L. R. Pruett.
Report on Temperance—T. J. Renfrow.

Adjourned by benediction.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association met at 8 p. m., and was led in prayer by Rev. D. P. Bridges. The Moderator then called the body to order.

Rev. Charles E. Burts of Edgefield, S. C., was recognized in the audience and welcomed to a seat, as was also Prof. Alexander Graham, Superintendent of the Graded Schools of Charlotte.

The report on Foreign Missions was then read by Rev. J. E. Smith of Concord.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Foreign Mission Board makes a fine report to the churches of the Convention this year. $247,629.69 were contributed, the largest amount ever received. 138 missionaries and 215 native helpers have been employed. There has been 2,076 baptisms from 138 churches having a membership of 9,969.

Seven Theological Training Schools are instructing 70 students for evange listic work. Printing houses in Canton and Brazil are sending out thousands of tracts and booklets. Two hospitals and some dispensaries have been established and are becoming very popular. The 43 day schools enroll 1,055 pupils and the 53 Sunday-schools enroll 2,142.

North Carolina last year gave $16,865.70, a gain of $1,324.50 over the previous year. It is expected that our contributions will reach almost $20,000 this year. They certainly should after such glorious results and in the midst of such prosperous times. The churches are becoming more missionary in spirit. This is manifested not only in their gifts, but in the interest taken in mission literature. The pastors of each association, who together visit the churches, are doing much to quicken the interest in missionary work. It is to be hoped that this work will be continued. Respectfully submitted,

J. E. SMITH.

The report was discussed by Rev. J. E. Smith and Dr. A. C. Barron, and adopted and pledges taken. (See table of pledges.)

The report on Education was next taken up The report was read by W. C. Dowd, who invited Dr. A. C. Barron to the chair during the consideration of the report.

W. C. Dowd introduced to the audience Prof. J. B. Carlyle of Wake Forest College, who spoke on the college and its work. Prof. Carlyle announced his purpose to dwell upon the possessions, purposes and prospects of the college, which he did to the delight of the association.

The report was adopted and pledges taken. (See table of pledges.)

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Happily in this day and time in North Carolina it is not so necessary as formerly to urge the advantages of an education. Our people have been thoroughly aroused upon this subject, and opportunities for acquiring an education have been greatly multiplied. Baptist forefathers were wise and far-seeing when they established Wake Forest College. The educated Christian man is the most potent factor in the State and the church. The thousands of such men turned out by Wake Forest College have helped to make North Carolina what she is, and to that institution more than any other is due the fact that there are a host of 180,000 Baptists in the State today. What Wake Forest has been doing for our boys all these years, the Baptist University for Women is now doing for our girls. If there is any individual who wields a wider and better influence in church and State than an educated Christian man, it is an educated Christian woman. Out of such homes will come the men and women of the future. We commend both these great schools and our asso-

ciational schools, to the Baptist boys and girls of this Association. We urge parents to patronize them whenever possible. Let us all remember that the best heritage we can leave our children is the example of a consistent Christian life; and let us remember that the best thing we can do for them here is to give them a good education under Christian influences.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. Dowd.

Dr. Adams then made the following announcements for Sunday:

Dr. A. C. Barron to preach at Pritchard Memorial at 11 a. m., while he would preach at Tryon Street.

At 8 p. m., Rev. L. R. Pruett to preach at Pritchard Memorial and he would preach at Ninth Avenue.

Adjourned by benediction.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

The Assodiation met at 9:30 and was led in devotional exercises by Rev. J. S. Farmer, after which the body was called to order by the Moderator.

Rev. C. M. Murchison submitted the report on Time, Place and Preacher for the next session. The report provoked some discussion as to time, when the present time of meeting was continued and the report adopted.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

Place—Cornelius.

Time—Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in September.

Preacher—Rev. J. Q. Adams; alternate Rev. J. S. Bookhart.

The report on Sunday Schools was then called for, and read by W. D. Adams. Report adopted without discussion.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

At this present day it would seem needless to urge the vital importance of Sunday-schools to our churches. This idea however, is a mistaken one, for if we take up the minutes of any of our old established Associations, we will find that quite a large per cent. of our churches have no Sunday-schools. It is necessary therefore to say with all emphasis that there is no work on which the welfare of our churches more depends. As a denomination we have always stood for education in all its phases. Our Sunday-schools furnish the moral and spiritual training for those who are to fill the positions of trust and responsibility among us. Our most active and zealous church members, our most thoroughly consecrated men and women as well as our foremost Bible scholars are those who have been reared under the supervision and direct influence of our Sunday-schools. How important then is this work. Can we conceive of a poor church with a good Sunday-school or of a good one without one. The practical problems of Sunday-school work are many and difficult. How may we enlist the whole church in the work? Hold our young men and young women, secure the proper teaching force, are merely a few of these perplexing questions. As an association of individual churches let

each and everyone bestir themselves that during the coming year we may give this department of our work its rightful and proper place.

Respectfully submitted.
W. D. ADAMS.

The report on Home Missions was called for and was read by Rev. D. M. Austin. The report was discussed by Rev. D. M. Austin, Rev. S. F. Conrad, Dr. A. C Barron, Bro. A. Johnson and others. The report elicited a lively discussion on the policy of the Home Board and its work of evangelization among the colored people. The report was adopted and pledges taken. (See table of pledges.)

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions should have the hearty support of all who desire the well-being of needy humanity. This board endeavors to educate the people, in many sections, by aiding in the construction of school buildings. In our State this feature of the work seems to be advancing nicely, under the leadership of A. E. Brown. Many schools worthy of mention are doing good in the mountains of our State. This board has had much to do with the establishing of churches in the towns and cities of the Southern Convention. Cuba and the Indian Territory have also felt the beneficent help of the Home Board. The colored population in the Southern States have been kindly remembered and probably helped thereby. Our State Convention pledged to this Board $10,000 for the present year's work. Much money could be well spent by the Home Board in this great Southern country. The multitude who are yearly coming to our country ought to be met with a gospel message. Six hundred and sixteen Missionaries were employed last year, and 7,526 baptisms were reported and 714 Sunday-schools organized. The value of this work does not compute with figures, but we may be able to appreciate it more in the light of the promised new day.

Respectfully submitted,
D. M. AUSTIN.

The report on Ministerial Relief was next read by Rev. L. R. Pruett, and after some remarks by Bro. Pruett, was adopted and pledges taken. (See table of pledges.)

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The Baptist State Convention about ten years ago saw that some action ought to be taken to relieve the infirm and indigent ministers of the State, so the Convention appointed a board consisting of ten brethren to take this matter in hand. This board was located in Durham, N. C. Rev. C. J. Thompson is now President and Rev. J. F. McDuffie is the Corresponding Secretary. About twenty were aided last year, at an expenditure of a little more than $1,000. It is the duty of the younger and stronger to help the older and weaker. The aiding of these old ministers is a service rendered unto Christ, for He says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

L. R. PRUETT.

The report of the Finance Committee was then read and approved.

After some discussion as to the shortage of the minute fund and as how to meet it, the Association, by motion, ordered the treasurer, D. W. Fink, to pay over to the clerk an

amount sufficient, out of the funds for missions, to make it $40.00.

Rev. D. M. Austin moved that the clerk be paid ten dollars for his services, which was adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Archibald Johnson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association return its heartfelt thanks to the Baptist people of Charlotte and other friends of the community for their generous hospitality, and to the press of Charlotte for its full and accurate reports of the proceedings of the body.

W. M. Lyles also offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association, that each church within its bounds urge and insist upon their delegates to the next Association to remain until the close of its business session.

Rev. S. F. Conrad then announced his inability to complete the report on Digest of Church Letters, owing to his pressing duties as clerk. By motion he was ordered to prepare it and report it in the minutes.

DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTIONS.

The Moderator, by order of the Association, appointed Dr. A. C. Barron delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with W. C. Dowd as alternate.

The following brethren were appointed to the State Convention at Elizabeth City: Dr. A. C. Barron, Dr. J. Q. Adams, Rev. L. R. Pruett, Rev. J. E Smith, Rev. C. M. Murchison. Rev. D. M. Austin, W. M. Lyles, T. J. Renfrow, W. F. Dowd, J. A. Durham, R. D. Mooney, Rev. J. A. Bookhart, V. O. Willis and J. J. Ezell.

The treasurer's report was read and received, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received for the following causes:

State Missions	$45 10
Foreign Missions	4 30
Home Missions	7 00
Orphanage	5 00
Old Ministers Relief	3 00
Education	1 00
Total	$65 40

Respectfully submitted,
D. W. FINK, Treasurer.

After many words, of the high appreciation of the meeting, by many brethren, and a hearty shaking of hands, the Association adjourned.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR ARDRESSES	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Total	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Gained	Lost	Male Membership	Feml'e Membership	Total Membership	Seating Capacity of Church
Arlington	J.F.Davis,Charlotte,rfd 11	W. A. Connell, Arlington	16	3	3	22	8	7	2	17	5	.....	110	124	234	700
Chadwick	C.M.Murchison, Cornelius	H. C. Lomax, Charlotte...	2	10	.....	12	2	.....	.....	2	10	.....	11	15	26	.....
Clear Creek	A. C. Davis, Olive Branch	L. S. Pigg, Brief	5	1	1	7	6	.....	1	7	.....	.....	40	60	100	300
Cold Water	W. R. Davis, Locust	T. V. Talbirt, Concord	2	.....	.....	2	3	1	1	5	.....	3	35	35	70	300
Cornelius	C.M.Murchison, Cornelius	C.A. Murchison,Cornelius	7	19	.....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	34	34	68	600
1st Church, Concord	J. E. Smith, Concord	F. H. Lee, Concord	14	18	1	33	25	62	2	89	.....	56	73	132	205	500
2nd Church, Concord	W. T. Talbirt, Concord	J. K. Gurley, Concord	30	37	.....	67	16	3	1	20	47	.....	58	84	142	500
Friendship	D. W.Thomason, Belmont	C. Garrison, Shopton	6	1	1	8	1	.....	.....	1	7	.....	18	23	41	300
Huntersville	C.M.Murchison, Cornelius	S. L. Mullen, Huntersville	5	5	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	6	9	15	.....
Independence Hill	C.M.Murchison, Cornelius	C. S. Davis, Croft	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	17	26	200
Long Creek	C.M.Murchison, Cornelius	J. S. Underwood,Sandifer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	2	6	.....	.....	17	25	42	300
Louise	J.F.Davis,Charl'tte, rfd 11	Josiah Allen, Charlotte...	9	21	.....	30	7	.....	.....	7	23	.....	45	83	128	500
Matthews	W. R. Renfrow, Matthews	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews..	7	3	.....	10	3	.....	.....	3	7	.....	60	88	148	400
Newells	J. S. Bookhart, Newells...	W. E. Hull, Newells	5	2	.....	7	2	.....	.....	2	5	.....	12	24	36	200
Ninth Avenue	L. R. Pruett, Charlotte	W. M. Lyles, Charloete	9	28	2	39	10	.....	1	11	28	.....	95	195	290	950
Pineville	A. L. Stough, Pineville	M. G. Hair, Pineville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	.....
Pleasant Plains	J. M. Bridges, Shelby	J.E.Brown,Matthews, rfd	23	4	2	29	4	1	.....	5	24	.....	58	67	125	250
Pritchard Memorial	J. Q. Adams, Charlotte	W. F. Dowd, Charlotte	2	15	.....	17	10	1	.....	11	6	.....	31	62	93	300
Rock Hill	J. M, Bridges, Shelby	A. D. Crisco, Concord	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	7	12	.....
Tryon Street	A. C. Barron, Charlotte	J. A. Durham, Charlotte..	9	40	.....	49	26	.....	11	37	12	.....	186	270	456	500
Union Grove	A. W. Wilcox, Mooresville	J. C. Hager, Huntersville	3	...	.....	3	3	2	.....	5	.....	2	17	10	27	.....
Wilson's Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	38	58	.....
Total			154	207	10	371	126	81	21	228	210	61	940	1402	2388	6750

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Schools	Superintendents and Their Addresses	Secretaries and Their Addresses	No. Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	Total	Average Attendance	Baptisms from School	Quarterlies and Papers Taken	Volumes in Library	No. of Schools	Expenses	Month's Kept Open
Arlington	F. M. Hinson, Arlington	F. A. Hamilton Arlington	8	88	96	62	6	100		1		12
Chadwick												
Clear Creek	J. S. Reader, Clear Creek	R.M.Hagler,Ch'lotte rfd 11	7	60	67	40		62		1		9
Cold Water	T. V. Talbirt, Concord	W. H. Bradford, Concord	5	48	53	24		35		1		9
Cornelius	A. S. Sweet, Cornelius	D. R. Murchison, Co'neli's	10	170	180	125	4	175		1		12
1st Church Concord	C. W. Hopkins, Concord	W. M. Kirk, Concord	8	201	209	106	10	307	100	2		12
2nd Church Concord	A. L. Howell, Concord	W. H. Wilson, Concord	10	198	208	110	18	308		1		12
Friendship	S. B. Garrison, Shopton	N.N.Mitchell,Ch'lotte rfd4	7	40	47	25	4	9		1		12
Huntersville												
Independence Hill	J. R. Adkins, Croft	C. S. Davis, Croft	5	30	35	23		35		1		9
Long Creek	J. A. White, Sandifer	D. B. Beaty, Sandifer	4	30	34	25		30				6
Louise	J. A. Newton, Charlotte		16	175	191	86	8	140		1	$62 02	12
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	E. A. Funderburk Mathe's	9	90	99	70	2	150		1	$16 00	12
Newells	W. E. Hull, Newells	L. A. Barbee, Newells	7	49	56	22	5	90		1		12
Ninth Avenue	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	S. A. Brissie, Charlotte	16	264	280	130	6	400		1		12
Pinville		Mrs. B. Hoair Pineville										
Pleasant Plains	W. S. Paxton, Mathews	Walter McCall Ind'n Trail	10	80	90	50	15	40		1		12
Pritchard Memorial	W. F. Dowd, Charlotte	R. E. Poole, Charlotte	12	150	162	90				1		12
Rock Hill												
Tryon Street	T. S. Franklin, Charlotte	R. W. Barnett, Charlotte	30	549	579	300		2000	100	2		12
Union Grove												
Wilson Grove	W. R. Small, Charlotte	W. T. Mullis, Hornet	7	50	57						$9 55	

FINANCIAL TABLE—AMOUNTS REPORTED IN LETTERS.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Incidental Expenses	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Old Ministers' Relief	Sunday Schools	Poor Fund	Minutes	Other Objects	Colleges and Schools	Total Contributions
Arlington	$ 100 00	$ 50 00	$ 5 00	$	3 30	$	$	$	$ 10 00	$ 4 00	$ 2 00	$ 16 90	$	$ 190 30
Chadwick	75 00	15 00			3 50									93 50
Clear Creek	75 00	7 50	10 41		2 13	2 19			3 40		1 31	71 95		173 89
Cold Water	50 00		10 00	4 50	5 00	2 25		7 41	4 00					83 16
Cornelius	150 00	25 00	10 00		7 70	4 00			10 00		1 25			207 95
1st Church, Concord	900 00	9 00	30 00	15 00	80 00	40 00			106 00		3 00	5 00		1 188 00
2nd Church, Concord	150 00	103 58	5 00	5 00	7 50	5 00	1 00	1 00	53 17		2 00	210 52		408 77
Friendship	100 00	40	14 50	5 00	29 00	16 30	1 00	1 00	17 40		1 00	64 50	3 30	253 40
Huntersville	75 00		1 00		1 00									77 00
Independence Hill	75 00		5 00		3 76				3 50		40	35 00		122 66
Long Creek	75 00	2 60	15 00		4 00	1 00			2 20		70			100 50
Louise	113 33	14 78	8 11		6 87		25 37		62 02	4 69	2 10	202 38		439 65
Matthews	88 00	50 00	18 00	7 00	7 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	16 00		2 00	400 00		608 00
Newells	150 00	25 00	15 00		8 50	5 00	50	1 00	9 17	3 73	70	76 50		295 10
Ninth Avenue	653 72	70 47	32 04		26 00	36 00			67 70	9 60		3 582 16	20 00	4 497 69
Pineville														
Pleasant Plains	40 00	85 00	3 00	1 50	2 00	1 00	1 00		10 00		1 50			145 00
Pritchard Memorial	851 58	392 86	85 94	54 25	109 60	25 09	5 60	1 00			3 50	500 00	75 00	2 103 82
Rock Hill														
Tryon Street	1 800 00	1 233 25	342 96	366 45	226 90	106 00	75 00	25 00	381 00	60 00				4 616 56
Union Grove	30 50										70			31 20
Wilson's Grove									2 55			30 00		32 55
Total	$ 5 552 13	$ 2 084 44	$ 610 96	$ 458 70	$ 533 66	$ 253 83	$ 113 87	$ 41 41	$ 758 11	$ 82 02	$ 22 16	5 194 01	$ 98 30	$ 15 678 70

TABLE OF PLEDGES

Churches	State Missions.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministers' Relief	Total Amount
Arlington	$ 25 00	$ 5 00	$	$ 7 00	$ 1 00	$ 2 00	$ 40
Chadwick	5 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	19
Clear Creek	8 00	5 00	7 50	5 00	1 00	1 00	27 50
Cold Water	15 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	32
Cornelius	35 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	48
1st Church Concord	75 00	25 00	50 00	40 00	5 00	5 00	200
Friendship	15 00	5 00	7 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	34
Huntersville	5 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	19
Independence Hill	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	27
Long Creek	15 00	3 00	10 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	33
Louise	15 00	2 00	10 00	25 00	1 00	1 00	54
Matthews	30 00	7 00	5 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	67
Newells	18 00	2 00	8 00	7 00	1 00	1 50	37 50
Ninth Avenue	50 00	15 00	25 00	36 00	5 00	5 00	136
Pineville	20 00						20
Pleasant Plains	15 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	26
Pritchard Memorial	100 00	40 00	100 00	25 00	5 00	1 00	271
Rock Hill		5 00					5
2nd Church Concord	15 00	5 00	10 00	7 50	1 00	1 00	39 50
Tryon Street	350 00	150 00	500 00	100 00	25 00	10 00	1 135
Union Grove	5 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	12
Wilson Grove	5 00	1 00		3 00	1 00	1 00	11
Total	$ 821 00	$ 291 00	$ 766 50	$ 299 50	$ 62 00	$ 43 50	2 293 50

Minutes of the 20th Annual Session

OF THE

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Baptist Association

HELD AT

Cornelius Baptist Church

Cornelius, N. C.

September 7th, 8th and 9th, 1905

The next session will be held with Pleasant Plains Church, near Matthews, N. C., beginning at 11 o'clock on Thursday before the Second Sunday in September, 1906. Introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. J. F. Davis, Charlotte, N. C. Alternate, Rev. R. H. Herring, Concord, N. C.

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of the

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Rev. R. H. Herring ..... Concord, N. C.

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A. W. Wilcox ..... Mooresville, N. C.

Report of The Association

The twentieth annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association met with the church at Cornelius on Thursday, September 7th, at 11 o'clock a. m. The meeting was opened by devotional exercises led by Rev. S. F. Conrad, and prayer by Rev. J. Q. Adams. After a retrospective view of the work by Rev. S. F. Conrad, and the hopeful outlook for the future, the meeting was called to order by the former Moderator, Mr. W. C. Dowd.

Upon motion of W. M. Lyles, the permanent organization was deferred until the afternoon session. The Moderator announced the following committee on order of business: Rev. C. M. Murchison, Rev. J. Q. Adams and W. M. Lyles.

Rev. C. M. Murchison, pastor of Cornelius Church, offered some remarks upon the Association, and the expectations entertained as to its coming, and what he hoped it would be and, at his suggestion Rev. J. S. Farmer, representing the "Biblical Recorder," was asked to make some remarks upon the work by other Associations which had met. Dr. J. Q. Adams followed in some general remarks upon recent encouraging revival meetings he had attended. The Moderator followed in some words of congratulation upon the splendid house built at Cornelius, and the fine feeling existing between the denominations, and also as to the progress of the work in a general way in Charlotte and in bounds of the Association. By request of Bro. C. M. Murchison, Rev. S. F. Conrad led in special prayer in behalf of Rev. L. P. Pruett, who was detained at home by sickness, after which the morning session was adjourned until 2 p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting called to order by the Moderator, and led in prayer by Rev. R. H. Herring. The Moderator announced the first thing in order to be the calling the roll of churches. Upon roll-call it was learned that all the churches were represented except Chadwick, Long Creek and Pineville. Permanent organization was effected as follows: Moderator, W. C. Dowd; Clerk, W. M. Lyles; Treasurer, D. W. Fink. The committe en order of business appointed at the morning session made the following partial report:

Thursday, 3 p. m.—Periodicals.

Thursday, 8 p. m.—Introductory Sermon, by Rev. J. Q. Adams.

Thursday, 9 p. m.—Repor on Orphanage, and adjourn at will.

The call for church letters was made, and the following churches responded and messengers duly enrolled:

Arlington—A. R. Hartis, W. M. Connell, E. H. Williams and E. H. Hinson.

Clear Creek—H. W. Pigg, L. S. Helms and J. S. Pigg.

Cold Water—J. W. Connell and J. D. Smith.

Cornelius—Charles Mooney, Columbus Sweet, Charles Hudgepeth and C. A. Murchison.

First Church, Charlotte—W. C. Dowd and J. A. Durham.

First Church, Concord—A. W. Morgan and J. D. McLester.

Friendship—J. T. Michell, C. Garrison and R. J. Mitchell.

Huntersville—C. M. Murchison.

Independence Hill—J. B. Flowers, Silas Davis and H. B. Blackmon.

Louise—J. A. Newton, John H. Allen and G. C. Ivery.

Matthews—J. C. Helms.

Newells—L. A. Barbee and W. E. Hull.

Ninth Avenue—R. J. Boyd, Rev. S. F. Conrad, J. H. Fidler, D W. Fink and W. M. Lyles.

Pleasant Plains—W. S. Paxton and J. E. Broom.

Prichard Memorial—W. F. Dowd, J. J. Ezell, Z. V. Kendrick, J. Q. Adams and R. E. Poole.

Rock Hill—M. H. Carter and R. B. Little.

Second Church, Concord—L. W. Hansell and T. C. Hunneycutt.

Union Grove—J. C. Hager and A. W. Wilcox.

Wilson's Grove—W. R. S nall, P. C. Mullis and A. L. Pigg.

The Moderator recognized Brethren J. S. Farmer, of the "Biblical Recorder," Rev. G. P. Harrell, of the "Orphanage," and Rev. R. J. Blackmon, of South Carolina, and they were welcomed into our midst. Motion was made by Dr. Adams, and carried, that a committee on "Digest of Church Letters" be appointed, and the following were named as such committee: Rev. S. F. Conrad, Dr. J. Q. Adams and Rev. R. H. Herring. The Moderator announced that the hour had come for the report on Periodicals, and same was read by Rev. J. F. Davis as follows:

"What food is to the human system, literature is to the mind of man. If food which is unwholesome be eaten, sickness and perhaps death will follow, but if the food be good, the result will be good health and a vigorous mind. If we read good, sound literature, our minds and souls will be benefited, but if we read corrupt, trashy literature, such as dime novels, etc., our minds will be corrupt and our character injured. We ought, therefore, to be careful what we place in our homes to be read by our families. Our denominational papers, The Recorder, The North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, Foreign Mission Journal, Our Home Field, and the literature of the Baptist Sunday School Board are good and sound, and filled with helpful information for every member of the family.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. DAVIS, Com.

Report received and discussed by Rev. J. F. Davis, Rev. J. S. Farmer, Rev. G. P. Harrell, Rev. S. F. Conrad, Rev. J. Q. Adams, W. M. Lyles and W. C. Dowd. Report adopted.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Time, Place and Preacher—Rev. R. H. Herring, Rev. J. Q. Adams and Mr. J. C. Helms.

The pastor and deacons of Cornelius Church were named as a committee on religious exercises.

The Moderator appointed J. Q. Adams, Jr., to report on education in place of Rev. L. R. Pruett, and Rev. J. F. Davis to read report on home missions, and Rev. J. M. Bridges to read report on temperance.

Motion was made to adjourn until 8 p. m. Benediction by Rev. J. M. Bridges.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

8 p. m.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator and prayer by Rev. J. F. Davis, and after singing song No. 494, Dr. J. Q. Adams preached from Luke, 38th chapter, 6th verse.

The committee on order of business made the following partial report for Friday session:

9:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises by Rev. R. H. Herring.
10 a. m.—Miscellaneous business.
10:30 a. m.—State Missions, by Rev. C. M. Murchison.
Adjourn at will.

The Moderator announced that in the absence of Mr. J. A. Durham, who was to read the report on the Orphanage, that it would be read by W. M. Lyles, and was made as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We feel that it is hardly necessary to make an elaborate report on this, the institution that is, or ought to be, near the heart of every Baptist within our bounds. It is with pride that we point to the excellent condition of all the affairs connected with the institution, and the untiring efforts of the excellent board of trustees, as well as the officers in charge of the various phases of the work. When we remember the many bright days brought into the lives of many fatherless children under our care, and who have been since its organization, we more fully realize the "labor of love" that we, as a great denomination, are engaged in. The scores of little ones who have had the protection thrown around them, and the spiritual training they have received, will stand throughout the years to come as a monument to the great work being done, and the increased demands being made upon the institution calls for a more united effort upon the part of the great army of Baptists in our State. Therefore, we need the prayers of our people to aid in meeting these great demands.

We remember the great epedemic of fever that so recently swept over the orphanage, and which might have been more disastrous than it was, and we feel grateful to "Him who doeth all things well," who stretched forth His hand and arrested the scourge that at one time looked so threatening to the many children.

We also note with pleasure the construction of such a splendid system of water works and sewerage. It is confidently believed that this system will largely decrease the causes that might lead to a recurrence of the dreaded fever. This construction has been placed at a very heavy expense, and we now have a debt of about $11,000.00 confronting us, which should be paid off as rapidly as possible. Therefore, we urge our people, especially the members of the M. and C. Association, to redouble their efforts, and increase their pledges to the orphanage, thereby helping such a worthy cause. God has greatly blessed us in the orphanage work, and we should go forward with greater zeal and energy than ever before.

Brethren, we see our duty. Shall we perform that duty?

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. LYLES

Report received and discussed by Rev. G. P. Harrell and W. M. Lyles. Report adopted and pledges taken amounting to $390.00, and a cash collection taken and $6.25 realized. Motion made and carried to adjourn, and benediction by Rev. J. S. Farmer.

MORNING SESSION—FRIDAY.
9:30 a. m.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. R. H. Herring.

10 a. m. In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. J. Q. Adams was chosen as Moderator pro tem and called the Association to order. Mr. D. W. Fink, Treasurer, made report of funds passing

through his hands since last Association, and the same was accepted as follows:

For State Missions	$57.81
For Foreign Missions	14.05
For Home Missions	8.05
For Orphanage	3.00
For Ministerial Education	2.57
Total	$85.48

The Moderator appointed the following committee to name an Executive Board for the coming year: Rev. S. F. Conrad, Rev. C. M. Murchison and Z. V. Kendrick. He also named the following as the Finance Committee: J. J. Ezell, W. E. Hull and J. T. Mitchell. Motion made by Rev. C. M. Murchison, and carried, that the Moderator name a committee of three to draft suitable resolutions upon the death of Dr. A. C. Barron, and upon the suggestion of Brother Conrad, Dr. J. Q. Adams was made chairman of said committee, and the following brethren added: Rev. C. M. Murchison and Rev. R. H. Herring. The committee was requested to prepare the same by the night session, and 9 o'clock was named as the hour when the memorial service was to be held. The clerk was instructed to forward a copy of the resolutions to the family of Dr. Barron. The Moderator appointed Mr. W. F. Dowd to read the report on Sunday Schools, in the absence of Mr. T. S. Franklin.

The Moderator announced that the hour had come for the report on State Missions, and the same was read by Rev. C. M. Murchison, as follows:

"The growth of our denomination since the active work of the State Mission Board began has been quite marvelous indeed. When the division took place that carried our anti-missionary brethren away to assume a separate organization of their own, the two factions were about equal in number. They have not grown numerically—scarcely have they held their own—while we have twenty-three times as many in number.

"Not all, of course, but very much of this wonderful growth, has been due to the energetic and self-sacrificing labors of the missionaries of the State Board. No department of the work commends itself more to the churches of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association than this just now.

"We have many weak churches, and much unoccupied territory within our bounds needing help from the more able churches of the State. Indeed ours is a fertile soil. The Board expends $1,000.00 within our bounds, $300.00 more than we raise ourselves among all our churches.

"In the State we have 123 missionaries of the Board—9 in our own Association—Adams, Davis, Pruett, Stough. Bridges, Talbirt, Murchison and others. Two or three of these will not ask aid from the Board again this year. We not only need more money and men, but the cause demands that we build some church houses just as soon as possible. At Huntersville we must have a house of some kind under way before the present year is gone. There are other points just as needful of help as this one. The effort is to raise this year $30,000.00 for State Missions in the entire State. May we acquit ourselves like men.

Respectfully submitted,
C. M. MURCHISON, Com.

Report received and discussed by Rev. C. M. Murchison, Rev.

J. F. Davis, Rev. J. M. Bridges, Rev. W. T. Talbirt, Rev. Hight C. Moore, W. F. Dowd and J. J. Ezell, and pledges taken to the amount of $718.00.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to name delegates to the State Convention: Rev. J. M. Bridges, Rev. W. T. Talbirt and A. W. Morgan.

The Committee on Order of Business made the following report:

1:00 o'clock p. m.—Report on Temperance.
2:40 p. m.—Report of Committee on State of the Churches.
3:15 p. m.—Report of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher.
8:00 p. m.—Report on Foreign Missions.
9:00 p. m.—Memorial service to Dr. A. C. Barron.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock. Benediction by Rev. J. F. Davis.

AFTERNOON SESSION—FRIDAY.

Association called to order by the Moderator at 2:00 o'clock and led in prayer by Rev. R. J. Blackmon.

The Moderator called Dr. Adams to the chair for a few minutes time in which to present the matter of the Associational School located at Arlington, and after he had done so, the Trustees were authorized to dispose of this property to the best advantage. Remarks were made by Rev. J. Q. Adams, E. H. Williams, Rev. C. M. Murchison and Rev. W. T. Talbirt.

Upon request, leave of absence was granted Rev. W. T. Talbirt.

The Moderator announced that the regular order of business would now be considered and announced that the report on temperance would be read, and Rev. J. M. Bridges submitted the following report:

Temperance is one of the fundamental principles of the New Testament teaching. Strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is, and not be drunk with wine, wherein is excess, bu be filled with the Spirit. Eph. 5-17 and 18. Let us press forward to victory until strong drink will not be used as a beverage by our members, and the illicit sale of it driven out of our land.

Submitted,
J. M. BRIDGES, Com.

Report received and same discussed by Rev. J. M. Bridges and Rev. R. J. Blackmon. Report adopted.

The Moderator recognized Rev. J. M. Grier, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and welcomed him in our midst. Mr. Grier spoke encouragingly of the work being done in this section of our Association.

The Committee on State of the Churches made report, and, after some changes, was received and discussed by Rev. S. F. Conrad, Rev. J. M. Bridges, Rev. J. F. Davis, Dr. J. Q. Adams, Rev. C. M. Murchison, W. S. Paxton and Rev. R. H. Herring.

Report as follows:

We find the aggregate reports in the church letters of a most gratifying nature. As compared with last year's work, we find that there has been a very large increase in contributions for all the objects of benevolence. Last year we gave $610.96 to State Missions; this year we gave $1,147.85.

For Home Missions, last year we gave $458.70; this year we gave $748.45.

For Foreign Missions, last year we gave $533.66; this year we gave $711.83.

For the Orphanage, last year we gave $253.83; this year we gave $459.97.

For Ministerial Education, last year we gave, $113.87; this year we gave $156.10.

For Ministerial Relief, last year we gave $41.41; this year we gave $156.60.

We also find, however, a slight falling off in baptisms. 127 reported this year, against 154 last year. We find the net loss this year to be only 14, as against 61 last year. The net gain this year is 188 against 210 reported last year. We find three churches report no letters nor delegates, viz.: Chadwick, Long Creek, Pineville. Four churches report no baptisms, viz.: Chadwick, Huntersville, Long Creek and Wilson's Grove. Only four churches report a loss in membership, viz: Arlington, Cold Water, Matthews and Wilson's Grove. Five churches report nothing for State Missions, viz.: Chadwick, Long Creek, Pineville, Rock Hill and Union Grove. These Five report nothing for Home Missions also.

Six churches report nothing for Foreign Missions, viz.: Arlington, Chadwick, Long Creek, Pineville, Rock Hill and Union Grove. Six churches report nothing for the Orphanage, viz.: Chadwick, Huntersville, Long Creek, Pineville, Rock Hill and Union Grove. Twelve churches report no contributions for Ministerial education, viz.: Arlington, Chadwick, First Church, Charlotte; Huntersville, Long Creek, Ninth Avenue, Pineville, Pleasant Plains, Rock Hill, Second Church, Concord; Union Grove and Wilson's Grove. Twelve churches report nothing for Ministerial Relief, viz.: Chadwick, Cold Water, Clear Creek, Huntersville, Long Creek, Ninth Avenue, Pineville, Rock Hill, First Church, Charlotte; Second Church, Concord; Union Grove and Wilson's Grove. We believe many of these blanks are due to oversight and neglect rather than from lack of interest. We urge that during the coming year the churches try to come up with no blanks in their letters.

Submitted,
S. F. CONRAD, Com.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Moderator asked the Association to stand and sing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," after which the committee appointed on Time, Place and Preacher made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Time—Thursday before the Second Sunday in September, 1906, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Place—Pleasant Plains Church.

Preacher—Rev. J. F. Davis.

Alternate—Rev. R. H. Herring.

Motion was made, and carried, to adjourn, and benediction pronounced by Rev. Hight C. Moore.

NIGHT SESSION—FRIDAY.

Session called to order at 8 o'clock and prayer by Rev. R. H. Herring.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. J. Q. Adams, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board, at the Convention in Kansas City,

last May, reported for the eighth year in succession "All accounts paid and no indebtedness."

This was glorious, especially when we take into account that the work has been greatly enlarged in every direction, but the most glorious of all is the wonderful advance on the foreign fields, where 2,231 were baptized last year, and thousands are inquiring the way of salvation.

The receipts of the Board last year were $283,415.88—the largest amount ever contributed by Southern Baptists, and fifty new missionaries were sent out, which beats all past records.

In the number of converts, in the amount of money raised and in the number of new missionaries sent out, we have made a decided advance over all previous years in the history of our Foreign Mission work.

We have missionaries in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina. God has greatly blessed us, as can be seen by the growth of our work in ten years.

Here are the figures for 1895 and 1905: Then (1895) we had 91 missionaries, now 181; then, 85 churches, now 194; then 22 church buildings, now 132; then, 1503 Sunday school scholars, now 5,496; then 581 baptisms for the year, now, this year, 2,231; then a total membership of 3,493, now 11,423; then the contributions for the year were $135,435; this year, $283,415.88.

The work has grown. The number of missionaries has increased. There is great need of chapels, hospitals, schools, theological training schools and sanitary homes for our missionaries. Dr. Willingham reports that we need over $100,000 this year for better equipment alone.

There has been a gratifying increase in the contributions to Foreign Missions from our own State in the past few years. In 1898 we gave only $8,092.91; last year we raised $18,707.68. This year we are asked to raise $25,000 for this work. Let us go up and possess the land, for we are fully able to overcome it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. ADAMS.

Report received and discussed by Rev. J. Q. Adams, Rev. S. F. Conrad, Rev. Hight C. Moore and pledges taken to the amount of $807.50. Report adopted.

The Moderator announced that the hour had come for the memorial services in honor of Dr. A. C. Barron and the committee previously named presented the following resolutions:

"Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call to his reward our honored, useful and beloved brother, Dr. A. C. Barron, for nine years a member of this body as pastor of the First Church of Charlotte; therefore, be it, Resolved—

"1st.—That we, as an Association, herewith voice a keen sense of bereavement in his death, having been enriched during these years by his presence among us, his hearty sympathies, his wise council and faithful, efficient co-operation in all phases of his Master's work; and

Resolved 2nd—That we bow submissively beneath this dispensation of Providence, knowing that God does all things well, and grateful that the closing days and fragrant memory of this good man are our heritage.

"Resolved 3rd..That we extend to the breaved family and congregation our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of aching hearts and flowing tears.

"Resolved 4th—That these resolutions be spread upon the min-

utes of the Association, and a copy be sent to the sorrowing family.

"J. Q. ADAMS,
"R. H. HERRING,
"C. M. MURCHISON,
"Committee."

Appropriate remarks were made to these resolutions by Rev. R. H. Herring, Rev. S. F. Conrad, Rev. C. M. Murchison, Rev. Hight C. Moore and Rev. J. Q. Adams

The Committee on Order of Business made the following report for sessions for Saturday:

9:30 a m.—Devotional Exercises.
10:00 a. m.—Miscellaneous business.
10:30 a. m.—Report on Home Missions.
11:00 a. m.—Report on Sunday Schools.
2:00 p. m.—Report on Ministerial Relief.
3:00 p. m.—Report on Education.

This report was adopted and motion made and carried to adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. F. Davis.

SESSION SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises by Rev. J. F. Davis.

10 a. m.—Session called to order by Moderator pro tem Dr. J. Q. Adams. Minutes of previous session read and approved. The Moderator announced the following appointments to make reports at the next session of the Association:

Foreign Missions—Rev. R. H. Herring.
Home Missions—Rev. C. M. Murchison.
State Missions—Rev. L. R. Pruett.
Orphanage—Rev. J. F. Davis.
Periodicals—J. J. Ezell.
Ministerial Relief—Rev. J. M. Bridges.
Sunday Schools—Rev. J. J. McLendon.
Education—Rev. W. B. Renfrow.
Temperance, Rev. S. F. Conrad.

Committee to name Executive Board presented the following recommendation, and same was unanimously adopted:

Rev. J. Q. Adams, Charlotte, Chairman.
Rev. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte.
Rev. R. H. Herring, Concord.
J. A. Durham, Charlotte.
W. F. Dowd, Charlotte.

The following were elected as delegates to the State Convention: Dr. J. Q. Adams, Rev. L. R. Pruett and Rev. R. H. Herring. Rev. R. H. Herring was chosen as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Rev. J. F. Davis was chosen as alternate. W. M. Lyles was chosen as a member of the State Board of Missions. The Moderator announced that the report on Home Missions would be read by Rev. J. F. Davis, who submitted the following report:

"Home Missions is a very important department of our denominational work. The work of the board is evangelical and educational. The effort is made, first, to preach the gospel among the foreign population, the Indians and the Negroes in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, and in the Islands of Cuba.

"Secondly. Schools are being established and our people are

being trained for greater usefulness in our denominational life and work. This work deserves our most hearty sympathy and support.

Report received and discussed by Rev. J. F. Davis, Rev. S. F. Conrad and Rev. Hight C. Moore. Report adopted, after singing hymn "I am Thine, O Lord." Pledges were taken amounting to $306.50.

Rev. A. W. Wilcox, of Mooresville, was recognized by the Moderator and was introduced to the Association and welcomed to our midst.

The report on Sunday schools was read by Mr. W. F. Dowd, as follows:

"We believe that the teaching of the Word in the Sunday schools by consecrated believers is a work second in importance to preaching the Gospel, and it is clearly authorized by the Scriptures, and that in reality, it is the Church, teaching and training the membership and those who are to become its members.

"It is a fact to be regretted that one of our nineteen Associational churches reports having no Sunday school, and that three other churches have schools only a portion of the year, while fifteen of our churches report schools the entire year.

"We would urge, therefore, that every church see the importance of enlisting their best talent in the Sunday school work twelve months in each year.

"We also suggest that they provide plenty of good Baptist literature—none better than our own Baptist Convention Sunday School periodicals, published at Nashville, Tenn.

"We also heartily commend the work being done by our Sunday School Field Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, and suggest the holding of Sunday School Institutes, conducted by him in our most accessible churches at least twice a year. We also suggest that you set apart for discussion, Sunday school work, at your second fifth Sunday Union meeting."

Report received and same discussed by Rev. Hight C. Moore, W. F. Dowd, Rev. J. M. Bridges, W. M. Lyles, Rev. R. H. Herring and Rev. A. W. Wilcox. Report adopted.

The Finance Committee made the following report and the same was adopted:

Received for State Missions	$ 86.18
Received for Home Missions	26.20
Received for Foreign Missions	35.21
Received for Orphanage	17.34
Received for Ministerial Education	4.00
Received for Ministers' Relief	9.21
Received for Minute Fund	34.30
Total	$212.44

Motion made and carried that a collection be taken to supplement the Minute Fund, and $3.25 was realized. Motion made and carried that the Treasurer supplement the Minute Fund, making it $45.00. Motion made to adjourn and benediction by Rev. J. M. Bridges.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator at 2 o'clock and prayer by Rev. A. W. Wilcox.

The report on Ministerial Relief was presented by Rev. J. F. Davis, as follows:

"The object of this board is to aid our old and worn-out ministers who have given the best years of their lives to preaching the Gospel. This was often done without compensation, and many of these old preachers are in need of assistance that will help them tide over the last years of their lives. Brethren, let us help these old brothers, and thus secure the Savior's blessing. 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me.' "

Report received and discussed by Brethren Davis, Conrad, Herring, Adams and Moore. Report adopted and pledges taken to the amount of $45.00.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The report on Education was read by J. Q. Adams, Jr., as follows:

"It is the imperative duty of every parent to educate his children. More than this, it is the Christian obligation of each and every one of us to see to it that all the children in our midst, rich and poor alike, have the opportunity of receiving an education. Fortunately for our State, there has been during the past few years a vigorous campaign for a better primary educational system. The fruits of this campaign are already apparent in our State. Gradually the people are awakening to the overwhelming importance of an education, especially its importance in the century that lies open before us. In each community let us, as Baptists, take a leading part in every movement for better education, and let us see to it that none of our children miss any of the offered opportunities.

"Although it is time that in our primary system these opportunities are often miserably poor and limited, in higher education they are heaped up, pressed down and running over. The Baptist denomination of the State has provided two magnificent institutions for the training of its young men and women under those surroundings which make for the purest and noblest manhood and womanhood. As an Association, we desire to express our pride in the Baptist University for Women and in the Wake Forest College. To Dr. C. E. Taylor, who has for so many years guided the destinies of Wake Forest and moulded its policy and its life with a rare measure of wisdom and piety, we express our admiration and gratitude; and to Dr. W. L. Poteat, who has, in addition to his professional work, assumed the presidency of the institution, we express our loyalty and our united support.

"Lastly, while we are educating our boys, let us not forget that it is equally important to educate our girls. They are to be the mothers of the coming generation. Let us train them to make home better and brighter.

"Thus, and thus only, by the education of our boys and girls, can the black cloud of ignorance be dispelled from our State and in its place be substituted the light of intelligent faith and wise citizenship.

Respectfully submitted,

"JOSEPH Q. ADAMS, JR."

Report received and discussed by J. Q. Adams, Jr., Rev. S. F. Conrad, Hight C. Moore and W. M. Lyles. Report adopted and pledges taken to the amount of $60.00.

The following resolution was introduced by Rev. S. F. Conrad, and same was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

"Resolved, That our hearty thanks be hereby extended to this church with its pastor and the good people of this community for the very cordial and bountiful hospitality extended to us during our stay in their midst."

The following resolution was introduced by Rev. C. M. Murchison, and same was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, Brother L. R. Pruett, the oldest resident pastor in the Association has been unable, by reason of sickness, to attend this session; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we have missed his presence and counsel, and that our clerk be requested to convey to him our sympathies in his illness, and our hopes for his speedy recovery."

Many expressions of regret were heard in reference to the indisposition of the pastor of Cornelius Church that rendered him unable to attend the sessions, and special prayer was held in his behalf, led by Rev. S. F. Conrad.

Remarks were made by several of the brethren in regard to the excellent meeting of the Association.

The Moderator announced that Rev. J. F. Davis would preach at the night service to be held in the church, and that Rev. Hight C. Moore would fill the pulpit at 11 o'clock tomorrow. The minutes of today's session were read and approved.

The business of the Association having been finished, motion was made and carried to adjourn, and after singing that old hymn, "Blest be the Tie That Binds," and prayer by Rev. S. F. Conrad, the twentieth annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association came to a close to meet with the church at Pleasant Plains, as per report.

W. M. LYLES, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Pastors and Their Addresses	Clerks and Their Addresses	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Total	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Gained	Lost	Male Membership	Female Membership	Total Membership	Seating Capacity of Church
Arlington	R. H. James, Reuben	W. A. Connell, Arlington	....	4	3	7	9	1	1	11	....	4	108	118	226	500
Clear Creek	R. H. James, Olive Branch	L. S. Pigg, Unionville	2	2	....	4	....	....	....	....	4	....	41	63	104	300
Cold Water	....	T. V. Talbirt, Concord	....	....	.. ..	....	1	2	....	3	....	3	33	32	65	300
Cornelius	C. M. Murchison, Cornelius	C. A. Murchison, Cornelius	8	10	....	18	3	2	....	5	13	.. .	37	40	77	500
First, Charlotte	. ...	J. A. Durham, Charlotte	22	36	1	59	11	....	4	15	44	....	204	296	500	500
First, Concord	R. H. Herring, Concord	J. E. Wright, Concord	6	12	10	28	12	6	4	22	6	...	95	160	255	600
Friendship	C. M. Murchison, Cornelius	C. Garrison, Shopton	2	.	....	2	1	....	....	1	1	....	17	24	41	300
Huntersville	C. M. Murchison, Cornelius	S. L. Mullen, Huntersville	...	6	....	6	....	...	....	....	6	....	9	11	20	...
Independence Hill	C. M. Murchison, Cornelius	C. Davis, Croft	13	2	2	17	5	....	2	7	10	...	16	39	55	200
Louise	J. F. Davis, Charlotte	Josiah Allen, Charlotte	5	29	....	34	8	...	1	9	25	....	51	103	154	500
Matthews	P. H. Purnell, Charlotte	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	6	2	....	8	6	7	1	14	....	6	66	76	142	500
Newell	J. M. Bridges, Newell	W. E. Hull, Newell	5	2	1	8	....	3	1	4	4	...	15	25	40	200
Ninth Avenue	L. R. Pruett, Charlotte	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	17	25	1	43	9	....	1	10	33	....	111	212	323	500
Pleasant Plains	J. M. Bridges, Newell	J. E. Broom, Matthews	6	4	2	12	...	....	....	...	12	....	49	83	132	300
Pritchard Memorial	J. Q. Adams, Charlotte	F. D. Lethco, Charlotte	15	10	....	25	6	3	....	9	16	...	74	35	109	600
Rock Hill	J. M. Bridges, Newell	A. D. Crisco, Concord	9	6	4	19	4	....	....	4	15	....	12	18	30	300
Second, Concord	W. T. Talbirt, Concord	T. C. Honeycutt, Concord	7	18	....	25	6	4	....	10	15	....	61	89	150	500
Union Grove	A. W. Wilcox, Mooresville	J. C. Hager, Huntersville	4	....	...	4	...	....	...	....	4	....	17	12	29	....
Wilson's Grove	....	W. T. Mullis, Charlotte rfd 9	....	....	.. .	...	.....	.	1	1	...	.....	20	35	55	500

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE

Churches	Superintendents and Addresses	Secretaries and Addresses	Number Officers and Teachers	Number of Scholars	Total	Average Attendance	Baptisms From Schools	Quarterlies and Papers Taken	Months Kept Open	Number of Schools
Arlington	F. M. Hinson, Arlington	F. A. Hamilton. Arlington	8	75	83	55			10	1
Clear Creek	M. Hough, Clear Creek	H. Clontz, Unionville	7	60	67	50	2	210	9	1
Cold Water	J. W. Connell, Concord	W. H. Brafford, Concord	5	36	41	26		30	12	1
Cornelius	A. P. Sweet, Cornelius	D. R. Murchison, Cornelius	12	252	264	140	6	250	12	1
First, Charlotte	T. S. Franklin, Charlotte	R. W. Barnett, Charlotte	26	597	623	325		2000	12	1
First, Concord	J. E. Wright, Concord	C. Kearns, Concord	20	275	295	175	4	400	12	2
Friendship	S. Q. Garrison, Shopton	N. N. Mitchell, Charlotte	8	35	43	25	1	75	12	1
Huntersville			8	42	50	30		50	12	1
Independence Hill	H.B.Blackmon,H'nt'rsv'le	Chas. S. Davis, Croft	6	30	36	22	5	40	9	1
Louise	J. A. Newton, Charlotte	Dockey Allen, Charlotte	15	235	250	120	3	150	12	2
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	E. A. Funderburk, Matt'ws	8	80	88	60	3	150	12	1
Newell	W. E. Hull, Newell	W. E. Hull, Newell	7	40	47	35		373	12	1
Ninth Avenue	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	S. A. Brissie, Charlotte	16	318	334	135	17	500	12	1
Pleasant Plains	W. S. Paxton, Matthews	W. T. McCall, Matthews	8	80	88	50	4	80	12	1
Pritchard Memorial	W. F. Dowd, Charlotte	R. E. Poole, Charlotte	12	140	152	85	5	200	12	1
Rock Hill	A. D. Crisco, Concord	M. H. Carter, Concord	8	60	68	35	5		12	1
Second, Concord	J. B. Haney, Concord	W. H. Wilson, Concord	10	264	274	160		360	12	1
Union Grove	J. C. Hager, Huntersville	L. O. Hager, Huntersville	3	22	25	20		25	12	1
Wilsons Grove										

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FINANCIAL TABLE—AMOUNTS REPORTED IN LETTERS

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Incidental Expenses	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministers Relief	Sunday Schools	Poor Fund	Minutes	Other Objects	Colleges and Schools	Total Contributions
Arlington	$ 100.00	$ 12.75	$ 23.95	$ 3.		$ 8.30		$ 3.	$ 10.		1.50			
Clear Creek	75.	56.00	14.40	4.	$ 5.	5.	1.		5.	5.	1.			
Cold Water	50.		15.	5.	5.	1.					.50			
Cornelius	200.	65.	40.	10.	10.	7.80	2.	1.	69.32		1.50	33.50	1.75	
First, Charlotte	2,000.	1,373.90	775.45	526.40	411.90	271.53	125.		673.08	65.05	5.	75.		
First, Concord	900.	165.09	75.	25.	100.	40.	5.	5.	177.	50.64	3.00	288.20		
Friendship	100.	10.50	15.	5.	7.	5.	2.	1.	13.		1.			
Huntersville	50.	12.	5.						10.		.50			
Independence Hill	75.		10.	5.	5.	5.	1.	1.	3.40		1.50			
Louise	300.	49.08	15.	3.05	10.21	30.55	2.57	1.	69.94		2.30	272.44		
Matthews	225.	24.	30.	7.	5.	15.	5.	5.	16.					
Newell	150.	7.05	18.	2.	8.		7.00	1.50			.75		11.00	
Ninth Avenue	1,000.	2,906.06	41.05	35.	26.05	36.			118.09	24.23	3.50			
Pleasant Plains	100.	40.	10.	2.	2.	3.					1.	1.00		
PritchardMemorial	800.	1,736.	105.	64.	105.67	28.50	5.	1.	50.	9.00	3.50			
Rock Hill	50.	26.44		5.					3.50					
Second, Concord	187.75	280.77	15.	5.	10.	3.59			64.62	3.50				
Union Grove	60.	22.									1.			
Wilson's Grove			6.	2.	2.	1.								

TABLE OF PLEDGES

Churches	Orphanage	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Relief	Education
Arlington	$ 10.	5.	5.	5.	2.	1.
Clear Creek	7.	5.	7.50	8.	1.	1.
Cold Water	5.	5.	5.	7.50	1.	2.
Cornelius	10.	25.	12.50	5.	2.	1.
First, Charlotte	100.	350.	500.	150.	10.	25.
First, Concord	50.	75.	80.	25.	5.	5.
Friendship	12.50	15.	7.	50.	2.	.....
Huntersville	2.50	5.	2.50	2.	1.	1.
Independence Hill	7.50	10.	6.	5.	1.	1.
Louise	35.	15.	15.	5.	1.	1.
Matthews	15.	30.	7.	7.	5.	5.
Newell	15.	18.	8.	7.	1.50	1.
Ninth Avenue	50.	50.	35.	20.	5.	5.
Pleasant Plains	7.50	10.	2.	5.	1.	1.
Pritchard Memorial	35.	75.	100.	40.	2.50	5.
Rock Hill	5.	5.	2.50	2.	1.	1.
Second, Concord	10.	15.	10.	5.	1.	1.
Union Grove	5.	2.	2.50	2.	1.	1.
Wilsons Grove	2.	3.	10.	2.	1.	1.
Total	590.	718.	807.50	307.50	45.	60.

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W. E. Watkins.....Concord, N. C.
A. W. Wilcox.....Mooresville, N. C.

Report of The Association

The twenty-first annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association was opened by religious services being conducted by Rev. J. F. Davis at 11 a. m., and at 11:45 the former Moderator, W. C. Dowd, assumed the chair and called upon the secretary, W. M. Lykes to call the roll of churches. This being done and a quorum being present, the following messengers were duly enrolled.:

Arlington—E. H. Hinson, W. M. Connell and Reese Hagler.
Clear Creek—A. W. McManus, L. S. Pigg and W. C. Hough.
Cold Water—E. A. Barnhardt and J. D. Smith.
Cornelius—C. A. Hedgepeth.
First Church, Charlotte—W. C. Dowd, J. A. Durham and Rev. H. H. Hulten.
First Church, Concord—A. W. Morgan, F. P. Smith and D. W. Lowder.
Friendship—J. T. Mitchell, A. C. Fisher and C. Garrison.
Huntersville—Rev. W. A. Hough.
Independence Hill—J. B. Flowers, C. S. Davis and W. W. Davis.
Louise—J. A. Newton, J. T. Batton and W. A. Brooks.
Matthews—F. M. Abernathey, W. B. Renfrow and E. J. Funderburk.
Newell—W. E. Hull and L. E. Barber.
Ninth Avenue, Charlotte—Rev. L. R. Pruett, Rev. S. F. Conrad, R. J. Boyd, D. W. Fink and W. M. Lyles.
Pineville—Letter read, but no messengers.
Pleasant Plains—W. S. Paxton, J. E. Broom and T. L. Boyd.
Pritchard Memorial, Charlotte—Rev. J. Q. Adams, Rev. D. M. Austin, W. F. Dowd, J. J. Ezzell, R. E. Poole and Z. V. Kendrick.
Rock Hill—A. D. Crisco, R. B. Little and M. H. Carter.
Second Church, Concord—L. W. Hansell, J. N. Perry, J. A. Whitley, H. A. Cook and Ellis Perry.
Union Grove—L. P. Hagler and R. H. Horton.
West Concord, Concord—Rev. W. T. Talbirt and G. M. Green.
Wilsons Grove—W. R. Small, E. S. Rushen and W. F. Mullis.
Zion—J. M. Funderburk, T. V. Talbirt and J. S. Kiser.

The enrollment of messengers being finished, the election of officers was the next thing in order, and resulted as follows:

Moderator—W. C. Dowd.
Clerk—W. M. Lyles.
Treasurer—D. W. Fink.

The Moderator announced the following committee on "Order of Business:
J. M. Bridges, L. R. Pruett and R. H. Herring.

A committee on "Digest of Church Letters" was named as follows:
S. F. Conrad, D. M. Austin and J. F. Davis.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until 1:30 o'clock.
Prayer by H. H. Hulton.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Session opened at appointed time by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and prayer by Rev. Livingstone Johnston.

Committee on Order of Business made a partial report, as follows:

Thursday afternoon, 2 o'clock, Periodicals.
3 o'clock, Foreign Missions.
Adjourn at will.

Request for admission into this Association came from West Concord and Zion Churches, and same was referred to following Committee:

S. F. Conrad, W. B. Renfrow and J. F. Davis.

The Moderator announced the following as the Finance Committee:

J. A. Durham, W. S. Paxton and J. E. Broom.

The hour having arrived for the discussion of periodicals, the Moderator recognized Rev. J. S. Farmer of the Biblical Recorder; Rev. S. F. Conrad, of the North Carolina Baptist; D. M. Austin, J. J. McLendon. This question was also discussed by the Moderator.

The committee to consider the request of admission of Zion and West Concord Churches made the following report:

"We, the committee appointed to examine into the constitution of the West Concord and the Zion Church asking for membership into this body, respectfully submit the following report:

"First—That the West Concord Church was duly organized by adopting articles of Faith and Church Covenant with a duly organized Presbytery.

"Second—That the Church at Zion was organized by a properly constituted Presbytery, and that they adopted a Church Covenant, but no formulated Articles of Faith, but accepted the New Testament teaching and the general views as held by the Baptists. We, therefore, recommend their acceptance into this body, and further recommend that the Zion Church, in conference with their pastor, formally adopt the Articles of Faith as held by all our Baptist churches."

Signed by

S. F. CONRAD,
W. B. RENFROW,
J. F. DAVIS,

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Moderator announced that the hour had arrived for the report on Foreign Missions, and Rev. R. H. Herring submitted the following report:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Notwithstanding the fact that at the last Southern Baptist Convention a small debt was reported by the Foreign Mission Board, the work for the past year has been highly successful, and wonderful progress has been made. The gifts are growing each year. More and

more baptisms reported, and the work generally expanding. The interest on the part of native Christians is very gratifying, and many of them are being prepared for useful preachers in our missionary training schools.

The printing and publishing interest, medical and school work of the Board are disseminating the light of Gospel truth, an dmaking it easier for the missionary to preach the Gospel with telling effect.

The larger gifts, and larger number of new missionaries going out, while encouraging and inspiring, serve also to show the vastness of the field and the fewness of the laborers, and the meager and inadequate funds, and yet we hope that a consciousness and conviction of our obligations and ability is taking hold upon the churches. For this we must labor and pray.

When our State reported such a large increase at the Southern Baptist Convention, at first thought a thrill of pride came over us, but only for a moment, for when we considered that it took 180,000 people to give $28000 for the great cause of world-wide missions, and how many had done nothing, and how few had made any sacrifice, we felt more like crying for shame than rejoicing.

North Carolina Baptists, of whom we are an important part, should not think of being content until we put at least $100,000 per year into this work, and send 100 of our best men and women, our boys and girls, to the Foreign field.

Our Bibles are full of Foreign Missions. Our Saviour is the embodiment of the mission spirit, and we must preach and work and pray until Foreign Missions become a part of our being, rather than a superficial or spasmodic effort once a year to raise our pledge.

R. H. HERRING.

Report received and discussed by R. H. Herring, after which Rev. L. R. Pruett led the Association in prayer. The report was further discussed by S. F. Conrad, Livingston Johnston, L. R. Pruett and H. H. Hulten. Report unanimously adopted and pledges taken to the amount of $972.00. (See table).

The committee on Order of Business asked to be heard, and made additional report for Friday's session:

9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.

10:00 a. m.—Report on Orphanage.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. H. H. Hulten.

Adjourn at will.

1:30 p. m.—Report on State and Associational Missions.

Adjourn at will.

The Moderator appointed Rev. L. R. Pruett to conduct devotional services Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

After singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," and the benediction by Rev. W. T. Talbirt, the Association adjourned until the hour appointed for Friday morning.

MORNING SESSION—FRIDAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. L. R. Pruett at 9:30 o'clock.

The Moderator called the session to order at 10 o'clock, and the minutes of the previous day were read, and after some slight corrections were adopted.

The Moderator recognized Professor W. L. Poteat, president of Wake Forest College, and Archibald Johnston, editor of Charity and Children.

The hour having arrived for the report on the Orphanage, the Moderator called upon Rev. J. F. Davis, who submitted the following report:

"The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville is very near the Baptist heart of North Carolina.

"The Orphanage is improving year by year. Water works have recently been completed. A laundry is now about completed. Soon the Watson house, the last of the old houses, is to be torn down and rebuilt on a larger and better plan. Everything about the Orphanage, shoe shop, machine shop, and Charity and Children are prospering.

The shoe shop turns out more than nine hundred pair of shoes each year. Charity and Children has now a circulation of ten thousand two hundred and fifty, and pays a good sum into the general Orphanage fund. A school of eight grades is conducted ten months in the year. The Orphanage plant has grown from a little beginning twenty-one years ago, to be worth one hundred and seventy-seven thousand dollars today.

"There are three hundred and twenty children there who must be fed and clothed. Three hundred and fifty-six Sunday Schools contribute to the support of the Orphanage, which aids greatly in the support of the institution. We feel that more churches could well afford to take monthly collections for this object.

"The orphans are supported at a cost of a little more than six dollars per month, which includes all expenses of every kind, salaries and all. Brethren, let us rally more strongly to the support of the institution which calls for more money as the number of children increases.

"Respectfully submitted,
"J. F. DAVIS."

Report received and discussed by Archibald Johnston, and unanimously adopted, and pledges taken amounting to $421.00. (See table).

The Moderator announced that the hour had arrived for Rev. H. H. Hulten to preach, but as he was unavoidably detained at home on account of sickness in his family, a motion was made by L. R. Pruitt, and carried, that the hour be devoted to the discussion of education, and the Moderator called on W. B. Renfrow to make this report, which is as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

"The question is often asked, 'What is an education?' Plato says that education means to give to the mind all the beauty and perfection it is capable of attaining. With the acceptance of this definition it is seen that every parent is duty bound to educate his child.

The founders of our government realized that freedom in the hands of an ignorant people is a dangerous thing and accordingly emphasized the importance of education.

"Primarily, the question of education in our Association does not concern us more than it does other citizens.

"In the large towns we have the graded schools. In the rural districts and small towns we are inaugurating a system of schools that will practically meet the demands of primary education.

"In view of the efforts that are being made and the money that is being spent, let us, as Baptists, take a leading part for better education and let us see to it that our children get all the offered opportunities.

"The Baptists of this Association and the Baptists of North Carolina point with pride to Wake Forest College and the Baptist University for Women, and we pledge our loyal support to these worthy institutions.

"With Dr. Vann as president of our Female University, and with our able board of trustees, we expect this institution to meet our demand and to set the highest ideal of Christian education.

"With President Poteat at the head of Wake Forest College, surrounded with a worthy corps of instructors, together with an able board of trustees, we have in Wake Forest College an institution well worthy of our highest praise and loyal support.

"Lastly, while we think of the training of our children let us not forget the home training, which is the foundation of all citizenship and which largely shapes the destiny of citizen, State and nation.

"Respectfully submitted,
"W. B. RENFROW."

The report was received and discussed by Professor Poteat.

The Moderator announced that all the ladies of Pleasant Plains Church were requested to meet at the home of Mrs. W. S. Paxton at 1 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Missionary Society. Motion made and carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock.

Doxology sung and benediction pronounced by J. S. Farmer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order by the Moderator promptly at 2 o'clock, and was led in prayer by Rev. J. I. Kendrick, a former pastor of North Carolina, now pastor at La Fayette, La.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Time, Place and Preacher—L. R. Pruett, J. J. Ezell and W. T. Talbirt.

Religious Exercises—The pastor and deacons of Pleasant Plains Church.

To Nominate Delegates to State Convention—T. J. Renfrow, R. H. Herring and W. F. Dowd.

To Nominate Executive Committee—D. M. Austin, J. F. Davis and W. E. Watkins.

The report on periodicals was called for, and same made by J. J. Ezell as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Religious literature is a very important factor in Christian life and activity. It moulds and influences religious thought and sentiment as probably no other agency does. What the secular newspaper is to the State and community, the religious paper is to the Church and Sunday School; and just as a man who does not read the secular paper can not attain to the highest state of citizenship, so the Christian who does not read our religious papers can not attain to the best and most useful Christian life.

"We would urge upon Baptists the importance of not only taking, but of reading at least one of our denominational papers. The Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist and Charity and Children are all worthy of a place in every Baptist home. We desire also to commend the publications of our Sunday School Board as being not only the most readable, but the most instructive periodicals to be had.

"Respectfully submitted,
"J. J. Ezell."

Report adopted.

Treasurer D. W. Fink announced that he was ready to make his report, and same submitted as follows, which was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT
For Past Associational Year::

State Missions	$ 51.47
Foreign Missions	39.50
Home Missions	22.91
S. S. Missions	1.00
Orphanage	12.83
Old Ministers' Relief	2.00
Ministerial Education	3.00
Total	$132.71

Respectfully submitted,
D. W. Fink, Treasurer.

The announcement was made that the hour for the report on the State and Associational Missions had arrived, and the Moderator called on L. R. Pruett to make same, which is as follows:

STATE MISSIONS.

After many years of a wonderful success, the State Mission Board has yet much unfinished work to do and much uncultivated territory to occupy. The value and importance of the work can scarcely be estimated. In nearly all of the towns and cities of the State and in many country districts the Board has aided in the organization of Mission Sunday Schools, in the establishment of churches, and in preaching the Gospel.

"Our Board encourages and gives aid to our schools and colleges by helping to secure educated pastors, who foster and inspire the spirit of education. Our people believe in education, and our school houses and college walls are being filled with boys and girls as never before. While the State Mission Board extends a helping hand to the educational interests and to the other departments of the work of the convention, its greatest mission is to preach the Gospel.

The progress North Carolina is now making calls for stronger efforts in our State Mission work. New railroads are being built, new telephone lines are being stretched, new industries of various kinds are being established, and new centers of population and influence are in evidence, all of which show the marvelous growth of the State. We have now the greatest wood and cotton manufacturing centers in the whole South—High Point and Charlotte. The dear old State is advancing in every way and will soon take her place in the front rank among her sister States.

"In view of such general prosperity, the enlarged responsibilities, and the increased demands, our Board is working on a broader basis this year of $30,000, with about 140 missionaries in the field.

"The Board has been very kind and liberal toward the work in our Association, giving us $1,000.00 a year. I desire to lay special stress upon the importance of the work in the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Associations. The field is a great one. There are within our territory 12 cities and towns with a population of at least 55,000, saying nothing of the rich and prosperous country. There are 35 or 40 cotton mills in operation within the borders of our Association, besides many other varied and important enterprises, with a great farming section. Brethren, what a vast work! We need to group our forces and centralize our powers for a mightier conquest in the Master's Kingdom. We need more men, and this means more money. The task and the opportunity are ours.

"L. R. PRUETT."

The report was received and discussed by Livingston Johnston, L. R. Pruett, W. A. Hough, W. T. Talbirt, R. H. Herring, J. M. Bridges, J. F. Davis, J. E. Kirk. Pledges taken amounting to $747.00. (See Table).

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher announced that they were ready to report, and submitted the following:

Time—Tuesday before the second Sunday in September, 1907.
Place—First Baptist Church, Concord.
Preacher—Rev. H. H. Hulten, D. D. Report adopted.

The committee on Digest of Church Letters submitted the following report:

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

We find all the churches represennted by letters, and for the most part the general summary of the work is highly gratifying.

We give in contrast the work of 1905 and 1906:

	1905	1906	Dec.	Inc
State Missions	$1213.85	$610.41	$63.44	
Home Missions	708.83	889.11		$180.28
Foreign Missions	712.83	1655.65		942.82
Orphanage	441.27	533.29		92.02
Ministerial Ed	155.57	30.10	125.47	
Old Min. Relief	19.50	23.00		3.50
Pastor's Salaries	5422.75	7,785.74		2,362.99
Grand Total	17581.67	19,809.04		

We find many of the letters most unsatisfactory and unreliable for correct and full information. Some of them are badly written and so filled with alterations and changes as to confuse the mind of an expert in figures.

We find the following churches report nothing for Ministerial Education: Arlington, Clear Creek, Cold Water, First Baptist Church, Charlotte; Friendship, Huntersville, Ninth Avenue, Pleasant Plains, Rock Hill, Union Grove and Pineville. While all the rest contribute the paltry sum of $30.10.

The following churches report no Baptisms: Cold Water, Friendship, Huntersville, Newells and Pineville. While a number of the others report one and two and tree and four. The total number of Baptisms this year are 126 as compared with 127 last year. The net gain in membership this year is 128, as compared to 208 last year.

Three churches report a loss in membership: Arlington, 9; Matthews, 4; Second Concord, 7.

The largest increase in membership is reported by Louise Church, reporting 43 as net gain. The First Baptist Church, Charlotte, reporting 36. It will be seen that as a rule our churches have gained but little in membership.

We most respectfully urge that those making out the statistics from the churches exercise more care and see to it that credits be placed in the proper place and the totals be summed up with the grand total in the column provided for it. Also that these letters be in the Association when its session opens.

Respectfully submitted,
S. F. CONRAD,
D. M. AUSTIN,
J. F. DAVIS.

Report received and discussed by S. F. Conrad and J. Q. Adams, and same adopted.

The committee to nominate the Executive Committee for ensuing year made the following report:

J. Q. Adams, Charlotte; L. R. Pruett, Charlotte; R. H. Herring, Concord; J. A. Durham, Charlotte; W. F. Dowd, Charlotte.

The Moderator made the following appointments for the next session of the Association:

To make report on Foreign Missions—H. H. Hulton.
To make report on State Missions—R. H. Herring.
To make report on Home Missions—S. F. Conrad.
To make report on Orphanage—D. M. Austin.
To make report on Periodicals—L. R. Pruett.
To make report on Ministerial Relief—W. T. Talbirt.
To make report on Sunday Schools—T. S. Franklin.
To make report on Education—J. Q. Adams.
To make report on Temperance—J. F. Davis.

The Finance Committee made report. (See table).

Rev. W. T. Talbirt asked the Association to give him ten dollars to aid in his work in West Concord Church, and a collection ordered and the amount raised. A collection taken to supplement the Minute Fund was ordered, and $8.00 realized. Motion was made and carried to adjourn until eight o'clock this evening. Benediction by W. E. Watkins.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION.

The session was called to order by the clerk, who announced the absence of the Moderator, and L. R. Pruett was called to the chair. Upon motion of J. M. Bridges, it was decided to discontinue the business session for the evening, and have Rev. R. H. Herring preach, which he did, selecting as his text "John, 3-16." At the close of the service, a motion was made to adjourn until 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Benediction by R. H. Herring.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Saturday morning session was called to order at 9:30 o'clock by the Moderator. The minutes of Friday's session read, and after some slight corrections was adopted. Upon motion of W. E. Watkins, the clerk was instructed to change the place for next meeting of the Association from West Concord to the First Church, Concord.

The committee to name delegates to the State Convention submitted the following report:

Delegates—D. M. Austin, H. H. Hulten and W. E. Watkins.
Alternates—J. F. Davis, D. W. Fink and R. H. Herring.

Rev. J. Q. Adams was recommended as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Rev. L. R. Pruett as alternate. Report adopted.

The report on Home Missions was made as follows:

"The Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., sustains the same relation to the Southern States and Cuba that the State Mission Board sustains to North Carolina.

"Some of the States have such conditions, arising from foreign population, large cities and lack of self support in the States, that the Home Board finds a great field in the Southern States for service. This Board is doing a work that our State Boards cannot do, especially in our large cities, such as New Orleans, St. Louis and Baltimore. It means the salvation of our own country—our beloved Southland. Such an enterprise, which has for its object the betterment and salvation of mankind, should be encouraged by all the churches in this land. Of all our missionary enterprises, none is more important than Home Missions, and we cannot afford to withhold our support from this important and necessary link in the chain of missionary endeavor, with which we are striving to bind the world to Christ.

"Respectfully submitted,
"L. R. PRUETT,
"R. H. HERRING."
"R. H. HERRING."

Report received and discussed by R. H. Herring and J. Q. Adams, and pledges taken amounting to $329.50. (See table).

The Moderator announced that the next thing in order was the report on "Ministerial Relief," and this report was read by J. M. Bridges, as follows:

"The object of this Board is to aid our old and worn out ministers, who have given the best years of their lives to preaching the Gospel. The relief rendered the old brethren and their families during the last year or two has been very gratifying. The State Board has been encouraged in the fact that the churches have responded more liberally, and the hearts and homes of these needy ones to whom we have been contributing of the means given us, have been brightened with good cheer and glad hope. We are now helping some twenty-five or more annually, from fifteen to eighty dollars each. Brethren, let us, one and all, wake up on this very important subject, and help to give our preachers ease in old age. We, your servant of this committee, urge that we try and do more next year than we have ever done any previous year for our old preachers and their families.

Respectfully submitted,
"J. M. BRIDGES."

Report received and discussed by J. M. Bridges and J. Q. Adams. Same adopted and pledges taken amounting to $54.00. (See table).

The following resolution of thanks was offered by R. H. Herring, and same unanimously adopted by a standing vote:

"Resolved, that this Association express the sincere thanks of our hearts to the good people of Pleasant Plains and community for their gracious kindness and abounding hospitality during the session of this body."

The report on Sunday Schools was called for, and Rev. J. J. Mc-

Lendon submitted the following report:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

"The Sunday School, the Church of Jesus Christ at work teaching the Bible, is on a par with preaching the Gospel, which will yield the better results being determined only by the efficiency and faithfulness of the workers. The teacher should be thoroughly equipped, should take Christ for his model, imbibe His spirit and imitate His methods. When God created the physical universe, vegetable life and the lower order of animals, "He spake and it was done," but when he created man there was a pause. He said, "let us make man in our image, after our likeness." God was not yet satisfied. He had made it convenien for Himself in the field, but had not built His house. He had created the angels, who were to be the servants in His house, but the house, and the children were yet to be. When He would do His crowning work, create a higher order of beings than the angels, to be his friends and associates, His children, His house, He did not speak them into existence, but began at the ground and built up. He saw fit to put the children through a long and trying process, and He chose not to do all the work Himself, directly, but calls each and every one of these children to His aid. The Sunday School is a sort of spiritual marble yard, where all the sinning, suffering and sorrowing children are trained and disciplined, where the fitting and polishing of these "lively stones" goes bravely on, where all of the marble shafts destined to be "pillars in the temple of our God and go no more out," mingle together and gradually lose all of their rough, angular corners. Naturally, three score and ten years are required to turn out the finished product, and 52 Sunday's in each year are none too many to spend in this marble yard. Every human being ought to live and die in its pure atmosphere, to take a stand for righteousness, to meet the dragon in mortal combat and vanquish him; to become God-like, sublime. These are the crops of earth and time, the prepared material with which God will build His house, the all-glorious, eternal, spiritual temple. Can too great labor be lavished upon this material, too much pains taken with it?

"The Sunday School! What a scene! Angels hovering over this holy mingling together of the immortals!

"Respectfully submitted,
"JOHN J. McLENDON."

The Moderator announced at 11 o'clock that the business session of the Twentieth Annual Session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association had been finished, and a motion made and carried to adjourn to meet as per previous announcement. Several announcements were made relative to services at Pleasant Plains Church for Sunday. After singing "Blest be the Ties That Bind," and benediction by Rev. J. M. Bridges, the Twentieth Annual Session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association came to a close.

W. C. DOWD, Moderator.
W. M. LYLES, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Pastors and Their Addresses	Clerks and Their Addresses	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Total	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Gained	Lost	Male Members	Female Members	Total Membership	Seating Capacity of Church
Arlington	J. M. Bridges, Newell, N. C.	W. A. Cornell, Arlington	2	1	4	7	8	6	2	16		9	101	116	217	500
Clear Creek	R. H. James, Olive Branch	L. S. Pigg, Unionville	4	4	1	9					9		45	65	110	300
Cold Water	W. E. Watkins, Concord	W. H. Brofford, Concord					9						28	57	85	400
Cornelius	W. A. Hough, Cornelius	R. D. Mooney, Davidson	5	2		7	5				2		36	43	79	500
First, Charlotte	H. H. Hulten, Charlotte	J. A. Durham, Charlotte	28	49		77	39		2	41	36		213	323	536	600
First, Concord	R. H. Herring Concord	H. C. Herring, Concord	12	23	8	43	28		3	31	12		100	167	267	300
Friendship	P. C. Purnell, Charlotte	C. Garrison, Shopton		3		3		1	1	2	1		18	24	42	
Huntersville	W. A. Hough, Cornelius	S. L Mullen, Huntersville											9	11	20	250
Independence Hill	W. A. Hough, Cornelius	C. S. Davis, Croft	6			6	2			2	4		18	41	59	500
Louise	J. F. Davis, Charlotte	Jo. Allen, Charlotte	15	40		55	11	1		12	43		74	123	197	500
Matthews	D. M. Austin, Charlotte	W. L. Hatfield, Matthews	1	5	1	7	2	8	1	11		4	59	70	129	250
Newell	J. M. Bridges, Newell	W. E. Hull, Newell		2		2					2		16	26	42	900
Ninth Avenue	L. R. Pruett, Charlotte	W, M. Lyles, Charlotte	5	34		39	11	1	3	15	24		104	205	309	
Pineville	A. L. Stough, Pineville			5		5					5					300
Pleasant Plains	J. M. Bridges, Newell	J. C. Brown, Matthews	3	1		4			1	1	3		46	82	128	600
Pritchard Memorial		J. E. Ezell, Charlotte	5	14		19	9	2	2	13	6		36	81	117	300
Rock Hill	J. M. Bridges, Newell	A. D. Crisco, Concord	1	10	1	18	3	3		6	12		17	27	44	500
Second-Concord	W. E. Watkins, Concord	J. C. Alexander, Concord	11	11		22	29			29		7	49	74	123	500
Union Grove	A. W. Wilcox, Mooresville	J. C. Hager, Huntersville	1			1			1	1			18	12	30	
West Concord	W. T. Talbirt, Concord	T. V. Talbirt, Concord		4	Organized with following members								13	22	35	300
Wilson's Grove	J. M. Bridges, Newell	W. T. Mullis, Charlotte Rfd.9	2	2	1	5	3		1		4	1	20	40	60	500
Zion	J. E. Kirk, China Grove	B. Funderberk, Concord	8	1									5	9	23	300
			Organized with following members													

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE

Churches	Superintendents and Addresses	Secretaries and Addresses	Number Officers and Teachers	Number of Scholars	Total	Average Attendance	Baptisms From Schools	Quarterlies and Papers	Months Kept Open	Number of Schools
Arlington										
Clear Creek	W. C. Hough, Clear Creek	H. T. Clutz, Unoinville	7	60	67	40	4	240	9	1
Cold Water										
Cornelius	R. D. Mooney, Davidson	Ethel Hedgepeth, Mt. Mourne	9	171	180	55	2	140	12	1
First, Charlotte	T. S. Franklin, Charlotte	R. F. Zicker, Charlotte	28	709	737	411		2000	12	1
First, Concord	D. H. Kearns, Concord	F. H. Lee Concord	20	260	280	170	8	275	12	2
Friendship	S. Q. Garrison, Shopton	N. N. Mitchell, Charlotte, R. F. D.	5	35	40	25		85	12	1
Huntersville										
Independence Hill	J. R. Atkins Derita	C. S. Davis, Croft	6	34	40	29	3	40	9	1
Louise	C. M. Robinson, Charlotte	J. A. Williams, Charlotte	10	159	169	87	6	300	12	1
Matthers	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	E. A. Funderburk, Matthews	9	75	84	50	3	150	12	1
Newell	W. E. Hull, Newell	L. A. Barbee, Newell	7	44	51	30		106	12	1
Ninth Avenue	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	J. H. Fidler, Charlotte	17	364	381	140	4	290	12	1
Pineville										
Pleasant Plains	W. S. Paxton, Matthews	R. S. McLeod, Matthews	8	80	88	50	2	100	12	1
Pritchard Memorial	W. F. Dowd, Charlotte	R. E. Poole, Charlotte	11	144	155	85	4	355	12	1
Rock Hill	A. D. Crisco, Concord	C. F. Little, Concord	7	65	72	40	2	75	12	1
Second, Concord	J. E. Wright, Concord	Ellis Perry, Concord	10	150	160	87	8	70	12	1
Union Grove	J. C. Hager, Huntersville	L. O. Hager, Huntersville	4	18	22	18			12	1
West Concord	O. L. Wagstaff, Concord	Husley Elliott Concord	7	40		37				1
Wilsons Grove	W. R. Small, Charlotte	W. T. Mullis, Charlotte	5	41	46	25	2	24	10	1
Zion										

FINANCIAL TABLE--REPORTED IN LETTERS

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Incidental Expenses	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Sunday School	Poor Fund	Minutes	Other Objects	Colleges and Schools	Total
Arlington	$ 103 15	$ 22 02	$ 5	$ 5	$ 6 14	$ 10	$	$	$ 11 30	$ 1 50	$	$	$ 164 11
Clear Creek	75	18	5	5	4	6 50		4		1			118 50
Cold Water	50		5	7	5	5	1			50			73 50
Cornelius	150	151 84	20	5	12 50	10	10 35	26		1 50	65 95		454 39
First, Charlotte	2118	2715 55	624 52	625 65	1232 10	162 21		77 42		5	125 12		7674 57
First, Concord	900	331 75	80	34 25	116 00	136	10	183 42	15	3	126 13	10	1945 55
Friendship	100	13	18 90	7 50	18 50	17 50	2	8 20		1 30	6 50	5	193 40
Huntersville	40	10	3 70			2 00							55 70
Independence Hill	75	40	10	5	6 00	7 50	2	3 10		1 50			150 10
Louise	300	236 16	18 97	5 16	15	35	2	42 63		3	35 59		693 51
Mathews	275	39 00	30	7	7	15	10	14		2 05	5 00		403 05
Newell	150	35 06	8	3	8	5	1	9 74	24	1	22 70		276 50
Ninth Avenue	1000	2584 94	31	15	24	45		193 50	56 84		374 28		3913 26
Pineville		15 00	10 70			11 82		10			10 65		58 17
Pleasant Plains	100	15 00	10	5	2	7 50	1	10		1 25		1	152 75
Pritchard Memorial	1104	650 81	127 02	152 55	179 91	30 16	16		17 00	3	25 15		2602 60
Rock Hill	30		5	2	2 50	5				60	13 50		93 10
Second, Concord	500	69 20	15	5	15 00	22	2 10	75		1 50		1	705 80
Union Grove	60	40 00				4 50							104 50
West Concord		269						4 98	2	1 25			270 20
Wilson's Grove	100		3	2	2	2	2			50			18 48
Zion		19 17								1 10			20 27

Table of Pledges for Next Year

Churches	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief
Arlington	$ 7 50	$ 5	$ 5	$ 10	$ 2 00
Clear Creek	8	4	5	7 50	1
Cold Water	6	5	5	5	2 50
Cornelius	12 50	5	25	10	2
First, Charlotte	600	150	350	100	10
First, Concord	100	35	80	100	5
Friendship	10	7 50	20	7 50	2
Huntersville	2	2	5	2 50	1
Independence Hill	6	5	10	7 50	1
Louise	20	5	20	35	2
Matthews	10	7 50	25	15	7
Newell	8	3	8	7	2
Ninth Avenue	50	25	50	50	5
Pineville					
Pleasant Plains	5	5	10	10	2
Pritchard Memorial	100	50	100	25	2 50
Rock Hill	10	2 50	5	5	1
Second, Concord	10	5 00	10	10	2
Union Grove	2 50	2 50	2	5	1
West Concord	5	2 50	5	5	1
Wilson's Grove	3	2 50	5	2	1
Zion	2	2 50	2		1
Total	$ 972 50	$ 229 50	$ 747	$ 421	54 02

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The next session will be held with the Clear Creek Baptist Church at Clear Creek, N. C., on Tuesday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1908, beginning at 11 o'clock, a. m. Introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. S. N. Watson, pastor of the First Church, Concord, N. C.

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Report of the Association.

The twenty-second annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association was opened by religious services being conducted by Rev. Livingston Johnson at 11 a. m., Dr. Hulten being absent, and at 11:50 W. C. Dowd being delayed, Rev. L. R. Pruett was elected Moderator pro tem, and W. M. Lyles, Clerk, being absent Dr. H. C. Herring was elected Clerk pro tem, Secretary calling the roll of churches. This being done and a quorum being present, the following messengers were duly enrolled:

Arlington—E. H. Williams, W. M. Connell, V. B. Estridge and Q. H. Linker.

Clear Creek—J. S. Reeder, A. W. McManess and J. F. Reeder.

Cold Water—J. W. Connell and W. H. Brafford.

Cornelius—C. D. Rudding, A. P. Sweet, C. B. Mooney.

Chadwick—Letter read but no messengers.

First Church, Charlotte—W. C. Dowd, J. E. Murphy, Rev. Jas. Pruett and Dr. H. H. Hulten.

First Church, Concord—T. D. Maness, F. P. Smith, D. Kerns and Floyd Corzine.

Friendship—A. C. Fisher and C. Garrison.

Huntersville—Rev. W. A. Hough.

Independence Hill—S. W. Davis, C. B. Flowers and J. C. Godfrey.

Louise—Josiah Allen, J. B. Caldwell, A. B. McKinnon and J. A. Newton.

Long Creek—J. L. Underwood.

Matthews—T. D. Newell and J. W. Pittman.

Newell—Ray Austin and J. L. Kirk.

Ninth Avenue, Charlotte—C. B. Rogers, P. A. Bowden, T. J. Sprangle, J. L. Cashion, Rev. S. F. Conrad and Rev. R. L. Pruett.

Pineville—A. L. Helms, J. D. McClure and W. C. Storratte.

Pleasant Plains—J. E. Broom, W. S. Paxton, J. H. Wilson and H. L. Helms.

Pritchard Memorial, Charlotte—Dr. E. E. Bomar.

Rock Hill—A. D. Criscoe.

Second Church, Concord—J. N. Perry, J. K. Gurley, L. H. Hensel, A. T. Wentz and W. E. Watkins.

Union Grove—J. C. Heglar and G. O. Hastings.

West Concord—W. F. Stegall, T. B. Talbirt and Rev. W. T. Talbirt.

Wilson's Grove—A. L. Pigg and W. R. Small.

Zion—J. M. Funderburk, J. S. Kiser and Henry Denny.

The enrollment of messengers being finished the election of officers was the next thing in order, and resulted as follows:

Moderator—W. C. Dowd.

Clerk—f. D. Maness.

Treasurer—D. W. Fink.

The Moderator announced the following committee on "Order of Business:"

Rev. S. N. Watson, Dr. H. H. Hulten and Rev. L. R. Pruett.

The committee on "Order of Business" made a partial report as follows:

To assemble at 3:30.

State Mission report, 3:45.

Adjourn at pleasure.

Introductory Sermon, 7:30.

Report on Temperance, 8:30.

Motion made and carried to dispense with the reading of church letters.

A committee on "Digest of Church Letters" was named as follows:

S. F. Conrad, W. E. Watkins and E. E. Bomar.

List of letters from different churches filed.

The Moderator announced that the hour had arrived for report on State Missions and Rev. Livingston Johnston submitted the following:

Report on State Missions.

There are in the State one hundred and fifty Missionaries, preaching at over three hundred regular stations and a number of art. stations. Last year the missionaries reported 2,800 professions of faith and 2,100 baptisms. The reports so far indicate that greater results may be expected this year. In addition to the missionaries, two evangelists have been employed, one for the East and one for the West. These evangelists aid the missionaries in evangelistic meetings. They have been very successful in this work, and the wisdom of the convention, in authorizing their appointment, is amply justified. They are preaching all the time, but cannot accept anything like all the invitations that come for their services. Though much has been accomplished by the work of State Missions very much remains to be done. There are vast stretches of destitution still to be found in the country districts in many sections of the State. There are at least five counties in no one of which a Baptist preacher could be supported, were it not for the aid extended by the Board. New towns are springing up and old ones are taking on new life because of the very rapid material development of our State. Many of these towns are unable to

cope with the situation, and unless aided by the Board, the day of our opportunity will be gone.

Aside from the direct results of State Mission work, much is being done indirectly. There is not a department of our work that does not feel the influence of State Missions. It is the foundation on which they all rest, the base of supplies from which they all draw. For our denomination to relax its efforts in the work of State Missions would be as foolish and short-sighted as for the farmer to grind his seed corn. Every dollar that is wisely expended in the work of State Missions, makes itself felt in every enterprise and undertaking of our denomination.

Forty thousand dollars is the amount we have to raise for State Missions this year. Up to this good hour not more than one-tenth of that amount has come into the hands of the treasurer. Our Association is receiving more from the Board than we raise for State Missions. We recommend that the Association increase its pledges for next year at least thirty-three and a third per cent.

LIVINGSTON JOHNSON.

Report received and discussed by Rev. Livingston Johnston. Report unanimously adopted and pledges taken to the amount of $819.00. (See table).

The following "Finance Committee" was named:

J. E. Murphy, W. J. Braxton and E. H. Williams.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock.

Prayer by H. H. Hulten.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Session opened at appointed time, 3:30.

Report on Temperance was called for and Rev. S. F. Conrad submitted the following report:

Report on Temperance.

It is a cause for much gratitude and rejoicing that a radical change has come in public sentiment toward the liquor traffic. This we believe to be due to the agitation of its enormous evils and its damage to the lives, character and health of the people, besides as being the greatest crime producer of the age. Liquor and crime are almost synonimous terms. It is said by the Judges of our courts that 85 per cent. of all the crime on our criminal dockets is from liquor. In a recent address by a brother Pickard of Lynchburg, Va., in which he said his figures were from the court records of the State of Massachusetts running through a period of twenty years, and that 84 per cent. of all the crime recorded was from liquor. In the records of Prohibition towns and those with licensed saloons there is a most striking contrast as to the record of crime. In Prohibition Charlotte the number of criminal cases recorded for one month as against Asheville and Winston was 184 to 500

in each of these towns. The relation of the open saloon to crime is more than double the crime in prohibited territory, and this too where it is evident that prohibition because of the menace of liquor localities cannot have its full force and effect.

Salisbury is now the only liquor town in this section of the State, and with its 7 dispensaries and some 12 or 15 barrooms it has become a cess pool of iniquity and is spewing out its foul damning and life destroying liquors into all the surrounding country.

We believe that no community possesses the moral right and neither should it have the legal right to engage in a business which is destructive to the lives and happiness of others. We express it as the conviction of this Association that every good man should use his earnest endeavors to put a stop to this corrupting business. We rejoice in the work of the Anti-Saloon League in its efforts to secure prohibition for the whole State, and commend its work to the pastors and churches of this association to give it their most hearty co-operation and financial aid.

S. F. CONRAD.

Report received and discussed by J. F. Davis and S. F. Conrad and unanimously adopted. Motion carried to take a collection for Temperance.

Committee on "Order of Business" makes following report of services Wednesday:

Report on Periodicals—10 a. m.
Report on Orphanage—10:30 a. m.
Devotional Exercises—Conducted by W. A. Hough—9:30 a. m.
Adjournment at 12 m. to meet at 3 p. m.
Devotional Exercises—Rev. S. F. Conrad.
Report on Foreign Missions—3:15 p. m.
Associational Missions—4:30 p. m.
Preaching at 8 p. m. by Dr. H. H. Hulten.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Session opened at appointed time by singing "I love to tell the story." Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. A. Hough. In the absence of Moderator, Dr. E. E. Bomar was elected Moderator pro tem., Clerk being absent Rev. W. E. Watkins was elected Clerk pro tem.

The North Charlotte Church applied for admission to the Association and was received.

The Moderator then recognized the following:

S. N. Hall, representing the Piedmont Evangelist; J. S. Farmer, of the Biblical Recorder, and Archibald Johnson, of the Thom-

asville Baptist Orphanage. North Charlotte being called the following messenger was enrolled—W. B. Crump.

Report on Periodicals being called for, Rev. L. R. Pruett filed the following:

Report on Periodicals.

The power of the Press is being felt to-day as never before in the history of our country. It is for good or bad. Indeed, it is well nigh impossible to successfully conduct any kind of business without the use of the Press. Its influence is wonderfully felt in the secular and religious worlds.

The secular and religious newspapers are helpful in their particular lines and the State and denomination largely depend on their columns for the diffusion of knowledge.

More than seventy years ago our Baptist Fathers of North Carolina recognized the value of a religious paper and they were not slow in adopting the Biblical Recorder as the organ of the denomination in the State. And to-day, after many years of denominational success, the Recorder is the same, sound Baptist paper. This paper has been and is now an important factor in our Baptist life and prosperity.

It gives us great pleasure to command the North Carolina Baptist to the favorable consideration of our people. Because of its past record, its unrelenting endeavors against the liquor business, and its helping hand in all the work of the denomination, it is worthy of a place among us.

We also heartily commend Charity and Children, our orphanage paper, and we earnestly urge our churches and Sunday Schools to give place for this worthy messenger, which tells us about the work of our orphanage at Thomasville.

We would call attention to the Home Field, the Foreign Mission Journal, and to all worthy papers seeking recognition among us

We should not stop in our efforts to circulate these papers until there is a Baptist paper in every Baptist home.

L. R. PRUETT.

Report received. L. R. Pruett yields to J. S. Farmer who discusses the same. S. F. Conrad also makes speech on report. Upon motion report is unanimously adopted.

Report on Ministerial Relief was called for and the same was made by Rev. W. T. Talbirt as follows:

Report on Ministerial Relief.

This Board is established for the purpose of aiding our old wornout ministers, who have given their lives to the service of God, and for the salvation of souls. There are now thirty-two of them dependent upon this Board for food and raiment. They are now receiving the small pittance on an average of about $65 each per year.

Brethren, do we believe the Word of God? The Lord says in

Luke: 21-33, "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away." Proverbs: 11-25, "The liberal soul shall be made fat." Luke: 6-38, "Give and it shall be given unto you, for with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." Acts: 20-35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

With these Gospel truths before us, how can we as the great Baptist host of North Carolina refuse to come with our means and prayer to help these needy ones. May the good Lord give us hearts of sympathy and a spirit to do our duty.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. TALBIRT.

Report received and discussed by W. T. Talbirt and Archibald Johnston and adopted, pledges taken amounting to $88.00. (See table).

Report on Orphanage was presented by Archibald Johnston as follows:

Report on Orphanage.

There are 350 children at the Orphanage and many others knocking at the doors for admittance.

The cost of maintaining a child is $6.28 per month. This makes it necessary to secure $500.00 each week in order to pay the current expenses of the institution.

We have a plant worth $200,000.00 including the invested fund. The only source of supply for the support of the institution is the Baptist people of North Carolina.

Some five hundred Sunday Schools are giving a monthly collection to the Orphanage. This has proved exceedingly helpful and we commend it to every Sunday School in the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association. It has proved to be a blessing to the Sunday Schools as well as a great help to the Orphanage.

The erection of an infirmary is the pressing need of the year. The Baptist women of the State are undertaking to erect this building which will stand as a memorial to our North Carolina Baptist womanhood.

ARCHIBALD JOHNSTON.

The report was received and discussed by Archibald Johnston and H. H. Hulten. Prayer by H. H. Hulten. Pledges taken to the amount of $432.50. (See table).

Committee on "Order of Business" makes the following report:

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Devotional Exercises conducted by J. L. Kirk—3:00.

Foreign Missions—3:15.

Associational Missions—4:30.
Sermon by Dr. Hulten at 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotional Exercises conducted by J. C. Gellespie—9:30.
Report on Home Missions by S. F. Conrad—10 o'clock.
Report on Education by J. S. Farmer—11 o'clock.
Benediction by H. H. Hulten—12:30.
Meeting adjourned until 3 p. m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The Association convened at 3 o'clock. Devotional exercises conducted by J. L. Kirk. Prayer by J. C. Gellespie.

Committee on "Time, Place and Preacher:" L. R. Pruett, W. E. Watkins and J. B. Flowers.

L. R. Pruett discussed Union Meeting and revival of the same.

Motion made and carried to have Union meeting.

Committee on "Place and Program" for next union meeting: L. R. Pruett, W. E. Watkins and D. W. Fink.

Moderator announced that the time had arrived for a report on Foreign Missions, and Dr. H. H. Hulten submitted the following:

Report on Foreign Missions.

The Baptists of the Southland have cause for great rejoicing. On the last day of April, 1907, the Books of the Board at Richmond were closed without a debt; thus marking the most prosperous year in the history of our foreign mission enterprise. In the number of missionaries at work; the amount of money expended; and best of all, in the number of conversions reported, the year ending with April, 1907, was by far our greatest and most prosperous year. At the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, three things were evident of which it will be well for this association to take note. First: A larger and a more divinely inspired emphasis on our foreign mission work. We are not over zealous when we say the new day has fully dawned. Henceforth, that pastor, that church, that church member, whether he be in the city or country, who does not give liberally and cheerfully of his love and prayers and substance to foreign missions, can no longer be considered a vital factor in the business of the Kingdom.

Second: Another thing which gives hope and inspiration to our foreign mission work is the organization among Southern Baptists of the "Layman's Missionary Movement." To many, this seems to be the most significant missionary movement of our times. It

is designed chiefly to stimulate the conscience of Southern Baptist men in our supreme effort to give the Gospel to the entire heathen world in our own generation.

Third: Another feature of our convention, which was even more inspirational than the other two was the raising of a new standard of giving to missions. When Brother Brooks of Rome, Ga., on the floor of the convention gave the magnificent sum of $50,000.00 to foreign missions, he ushered in a new day of giving. Henceforth, we shall witness the giving, not of hundreds of dollars, but rather the giving of thousands by private individuals whom God has blessed with large means. Thus, more and more, we are coming to see that it is not so much a question as to how much we are able to give but rather, how much of all that belongs to the Lord, dare we retain for ourselves.

Then there are other features of our work which we must not fail to mention, since they are so large with the promise of good results. There are the publication and medical departments of our foreign work. Through the former, Christian literature and the Word itself is being placed in the hands of the natives. Through the latter our missionaries find easy access into the hearts of all who need help. But equally as important as either of these is the Theological Department. In Mexico, Brazil, Italy, Africa, China and soon in Japan, we have established Theological Seminaries. These schools enable us to train and send out large numbers of native workers at much less time and expense than to train them in our own country. These missionaries at present are greatly hampered by lack of funds and equipment, but after we shall come to see their great importance, provision will be made for them. For above every other agency the hope for the speedy evangelization of the world, depends upon the well trained native pastors and evangelists who come from these Theological Seminaries.

And lastly, the report would not be complete without some reference to all those noble women who have labored with us so faithfully in the gospel. In looking over the statistical table for the past year, we find that North Carolina has special cause to be proud of her Baptist women. In the woman's work Virginia leads with $12,673.08, Georgia follows in a close second with $12,588.82. Then comes our North Carolina women, $8,908.82. Let it never be forgotten by our Baptist men of North Carolina that our beloved State occupies the position she does in the missionary work of the world largely on account of our women.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. HULTEN.

Report received and discussed by H. H. Hulten and E. E. Bomar. Report unanimously adopted and pledges taken to the amount of $1,076.50. (See table).

Associational Missions was discussed by W. T. Talbirt, W. F.

Stegall, J. C. Gellespie, W. A. Hough, J. L. Kirk and H. C. Herring.

L. R. Pruett makes speech telling effect of the missionary work in the city of Concord and advocates Rev. W. T. Talbirt as City Missionary.

The Moderator appoints the following committee to nominate delegates to the State Convention:

S. F. Conrad, S. N. Watson and C. Garrison.

Committee on "Union Meeting Program:"

D. W. Fink, W. E. Watkins and L. R. Pruett.

Committee to nominate "Executive Committee:"

H. C. Herring, W. A. Hough and A. W. Morgan.

The Financial Committee makes report as follows:

Report of Financial Committee.

Received for Minutes	$43.00
State Missions	99.15
Home Missions	36.42
Foreign Missions	37.84
Ministerial Education	2.35
Orphanage	69.20
Ministerial Relief	17.40
	$305.26

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. MURPHY, Chairman.

E. H. WILLIAMS.

Report unanimously adopted.

D. W. Fink filed report on missions as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

For past Associate Year:

Home Missions	$22.77
Foreign Missions	72.00
State Missions	51.10
Ministerial Relief	2.93
Total	$148.80

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. FINK, Treasurer.

Report unanimously adopted.

The report of committee on "Time and Place of Association" was filed as follows:

Time—Tuesday before the second Sunday in September, 1903.

Place—Clear Creek

Introductory Sermon—By S. N. Watson.

Committee—W. E. Watkins, J. B. Flowers, L. R. Pruett.

S. F. Conrad makes motion to change day of meeting from Tuesday to Thursday. Motion withdrawn. Report unanimously adopted.

W. E. Watkins asks association to recommend Brother Travis Honeycutt as a worthy and upright young man, which was unanimously adopted.

The Moderator reports the following for the next Session of Association:

To make report on Foreign Missions—Dr. E. E. Bomar.
To make report on State Missions—Rev. L. R. Pruett.
To make report on Home Missions—Rev. S. N. Watson.
To make report on Orphanage—Dr. H. H. Hulten.
To make report on Periodicals—Rev. W. A. Hough.
To make report on Sunday Schools—Dr. H. C. Herring.
To make report on Education—Rev. W. E. Watkins.
To make report on Temperance—Rev. S. F. Conrad.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional Exercises conducted by J. C. Gellespie—9:30.

The Moderator being absent L. R. Pruett was elected Moderator pro tem.

E. E. Bomar makes motion that W. A. Hough be recommended as representative of the Home Board, which unanimously carried.

Upon motion of Dr. E. E. Bomar, L. R. Pruett was appointed representative of Foreign Missionary Board.

H. C. Herring for Executive Committee reports as committee of the Association:

L. R. Pruett, S. N. Watson, W. A. Hough, E. E. Bomar and R. H. Herring.

Committee on Representation to State Convention named the following:

S. N. Watson, C. B. Mooney, T. D. Maness and S. F. Conrad.

Committee on "Digest of Church Letters" filed the following report:

Report on Digest of Church Letters.

We find all the churches represented and the letters for the most part full of encouragement, while others are far from being satisfactory.

Eighteen churches report 187 baptisms, without the report from the First Baptist Church of Charlotte which sent in no letter.

Fifteen churches report a gain in membership while 8 report a loss in the aggregate numbering 64.

The net gain reported in the letters is 203.

The following churches report a loss in membership:

Cold Water 6, Friendship 1, Louise 18, Matthews 12, Newell 16, Pleasant Plains 6, Second Church, Concord, 3, Zion 2.

The following report a gain:

Clear Creek 3, Cornelius 12, First Church, Concord, 32, Huntersville 3, Independence Hill 2, Ninth Avenue 59, Long Creek 4, Pineville 11, Pritchard Memorial 55, Rock Hill 3, Union Grove 2, West Concord 3, Wilson's Grove 3, North Charlotte 46.

Many of the letters we find badly written and full of inaccuracies and really dishonoring to God because of the careless way in which they are gotten up and compiled.

In the financial columns there is much that is unsatisfactory and discouraging and shows a lack of system and a failure on the part of the pastors in charge properly bringing the great objects of benevolence before their people.

We find 8 churches report nothing for State Missions, 8 report nothing for Home Missions, 6 report nothing for Foreign Missions, 8 report nothing for the Orphanage.

Only two churches have contributed anything for Ministerial Education, viz: Pritchard Memorial giving $10 and Cornelius $1.

Thirteen churches report nothing for Old Ministers Relief, while eleven churches report the sum of $20.30.

In this summary two churches, the First Church, Charlotte, and the First Church, Concord, have failed to give the statistics of their churches and this will reduce the delinquent list as given above.

The letters report $8,593.45 for pastors salaries. Building and repairs, $7,764.40; other objects, $767.11; State Missions, $360.02; Home Missions, $405.60; Ministerial Education, $11; Old Ministers Relief, $20.30; for the Orphanage, $237.44; for the poor, $72.04; making a grand total of $18,350, and with the gifts from the First Church, Charlotte, and the First Church, Concord, will bring the aggregate up to about $25,000.

We desire to recommend that the Clerk supply all the clerks of the churches at least two months before the next association. Also that the clerk of the association see to it that all the columns of figures be added up.

S. F. CONRAD,
E. E. BOMAR,
W. E. WATKINS,
Committee.

The same was discussed by E. E. Bomar and S. F. Conrad, report unanimously adopted.

The Moderator announced that time had arrived for report on Home Missions and S. F. Conrad submitted the following:

Report on Home Missions.

The work of the Home Mission Board is of immeasurable importance.

First: Because of the territory it covers. For the richness of its resources in agriculture, manufacturers, coal oil and iron, and its almost unlimited water powers and the great variety of its timber products, along with its climatic advantages makes it now the most inviting field in the world for the investment of capital. Already the percentage of immigration coming to this country has turned southward since 1890, and when we remember that 120,000 foreigners are coming to this country annually, it becomes a question of momentus importance to us to give them the Gospel, for if we fail to do it in time we may repent when it will be too late.

Second: The work is important because of the immensity of the territory to be occupied. The State of Oklahoma is larger than all the New England States by more than 8,000 square miles. It is really an empire within itself.

The State of Texas is more than double the size of the original thirteen States, and has as many square miles of territory as Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Deleware, Maryland and the District of Columbia, with a remaining area larger than any Southern State east of the Mississippi River.

Besides this we have Cuba, Louisiana with its New Orleans, and Missouri with its St. Louis and scores and hundreds of growing towns in many States.

Third: It is important because of the character of the field. The territory is peculiarly inviting to Baptists, as there is no territory on the globe where Baptist Principles have been more cordially received and where it is so easy to make Baptists. Nearly 19,000 Baptisms last year is a great encouragement to enlarge this work. We especially urge our churches to enlarge their contributions to this work.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. CONRAD.

Report received and discussed by S. F. Conrad. Report unanimously adopted and pledges taken to the amount of $856.00. (See table.)

The Moderator announced that all the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society would meet in the Ladies' Parlor of the First Presbyterian Church at 5 o'clock.

Report on Education by J. S. Farmer was submitted as follows:

Report on Education.

Baptists have ever stood for culture. They were the first peo-

ple to found a denominational college in this State. They lead all others in the number and efficiency of their schools to-day. We have to-day fifteen schools of high grade and four colleges in the State. These are all filled to overflowing.

While these things are true and there are many other hopeful things that might be said, yet there are many battles yet to be fought, much work yet to be done. We should not be happy till every worthy boy and girl in the State has a chance to prepare for the strenuous duties which are just ahead of us.

We, therefore, beg our people to send their sons to Wake Forest College. It has no superior in the whole South. The Baptist University for Women at Raleigh is worthy of our undivided patronage. Your daughter will here receive culture and training for usefulness second to none in the South.

There are more than three hundred and fifty pupils in each of these schools. We recommend that the brethren of this association join heartily in the work now being conducted by Prof. J. B. Carlyle, in which campaign he will raise one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to increase the endowment of Wake Forest. Let every church have some part in this glorious work. We are going to succeed. Do you want to share the joys of victory? If so, make some subscription to be paid before December the thirty-first, 1910.

Then there is our Ministerial Education Board that must be increased in efficiency. There will be no fewer than sixty young ministers at Wake Forest this year, many of these are very poor, and must be aided by the Board.

Let us make our contributions at least twenty-five per cent. larger than last year. Lets turn on the light and drive the darkness away.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. FARMER.

Report received and discussed by Prof. J. B. Carlyle and S. F. Conrad, report unanimously adopted.

S. F. Conrad makes talk on Ministerial Education and pledges to the amount of $64.95 were taken. (See table).

Report on Sunday School submitted by S. N. Watson as follows:

Report on Sunday School.

Your committee beg leave to report all the churches of our association, so far as we are informed, have Sunday Schools.

How to bring these schools up to the highest state of efficiency is the question of paramount importance. We believe that pastors, superintendent and teachers are chiefly responsible for their success and would urge upon all such to do their best to bring our schools up to the full measure of their usefulness. It should be our high aim to secure the best teachers, the best literature, the

best equipments and the largest attendance. The Word of God ought to be the text book, the devout Christian ought to be the teacher, the method and spirit of Jesus should reign supreme, and the conversions of souls and the glory of God should be the aim and end of our achievement.

We recommend renewed diligence in this work.

S. N. WATSON.

The report received and discussed by S. N. Watson and J. B. Carlyle. Report unanimously adopted.

D. W. Fink discusses the matter of minutes, collection is taken amounting to $43.00.

Committee on Time and Place for next Union Meeting submitted the following:

Time—Friday before the Fifth Sunday in September, 1907.

Place—Arrington.

Introductory Sermon—By J. C. Genespie.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by D. W. Fink and unanimously adopted by standing vote:

Resolved, That this Association extend a vote of thanks to the good people of Concord for their kindness and hospitality during the session of this body.

12:15 p. m., the Moderator announced that the business session of the Twenty-Second Annual Session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association had been finished, and a motion made and carried to adjourn to meet as previous announcement. After singing, "Blest be the Ties that Bind," and benediction by Dr. E. E. Bomar, the Twenty-Second Annual Session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association closed.

W. C. DOWD, Moderator.
T. D. MANESS, Clerk.

(Some of the church letters did not reach me until October 5th, which accounts for the delay in getting out the minutes.—T. D. Maness).

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Pastors and Their Addresses	Clerks and Their Addresses	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Total	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Gained	Lost	Male Members	Female Members	Total Membership
Arlington	C. H. Martin, Polkton	W. A. Connell, Arlington	17	11	9	37	6	2	--	8	29	--	120	128	248
Clear Creek	R. H. James, Olive Branch	L. S. Pigg, Unionville	--	3	--	3	--	--	--	--	3	--	46	62	108
Cold Water	W. E. Watkins, Concord	W. H. Brafford, Concord	--	----	--	----	4	--	2	6	----	6	23	27	50
Cornelius	W. A. Hough, Cornelius	R. D. Mooney, Davidson	5	9	--	14	--	1	1	2	12	--	41	50	91
First Charlotte	H. H. Hulton, Charlotte	J. A. Durham, Charlotte	73	144	8	221	35	--	4	39	182	--	----	----	718
First Concord	S. N. Watson, Concord	H. C. Herring, Concord	24	35	--	59	23	2	2	27	32	--	112	187	299
Friendship	P. H. Parnell, Grover	C. Garrison, Charlotte, R. F. D. 12	--	1	--	1	2	--	--	2	----	1	17	24	41
Huntersville	W. A. Hough, Cornelius	S. N. Mullen, Huntersville	2	7	--	9	6	--	--	6	3	--	12	14	26
Independence Hill	W. A. Hough, Cornelius	C. S. Davis, Huntersville, R. F. D.	7	----	2	9	7	--	--	7	2	--	20	41	61
Louise	J. C. Gillespie, Charlotte	Josiah Allen Charlotte	3	14	--	17	30	1	4	35	----	18	57	115	172
Matthews	D. M. Austin, Charlotte	W. L. Hatfield, Matthews	3	3	--	6	9	4	5	18	----	12	44	72	116
Newell	J. L. Kirk, Newell	W. C. Sutton, Newell	1	1	1	3	17	--	1	18	----	16	9	16	25
Ninth Avenue	L. R. Pruett, Charlotte	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	31	44	--	75	14	--	2	16	59	--	----	----	368
Long Creek	C. H. Cronister, Maiden	J. S. Underwood ———	6	----	--	----	1	--	1	2	4	--	19	21	40
Pineville	J. L. Bennett, Wingate	C. J. Price, Matthews	13	4	--	17	4	--	2	6	11	--	29	54	83
Pleasant Plains	W. S. Paxton, Matthews	J. E. Broom, Matthews	--	1	1	2	5	--	3	8	----	6	30	57	87
Pritchard Memorial	E. E. Bomar, Charlotte	J. J. Ezell, Charlotte	16	50	5	71	14	--	2	16	55	--	55	114	169
Rock Hill	J. L. Kirk, Newell	A. D. Criscoe, Concord	3	4	--	7	3	--	1	4	3	--	17	20	37
Second Concord	W. E. Watkins, Concord		28	12	--	40	5	37	1	43	--	3	44	73	117
Union Grove	A. W. Wilcox, Mooresville	J. C. Heglar, Huntersville	3	----	--	3	--	--	1	1	2	--	21	15	26
West Concord	W. T. Talbirt, Concord	W. F. Stegall Concord	4	4	--	8	4	--	1	5	3	--	14	26	40
Wilson's Grove	C. H. Martin. Polkton	W. T. Mullis, Charlotte, R. F. D. 9	6	1	2	9	6	--	--	6	3	--	24	45	69
Zion			1	----	--	1	2	1	--	3	----	2	11	10	21
North Charlotte	J. C. Gillespie, Charlotte	E. M. Honeycutt, Charlotte	14	37	--	51	5	--	--	5	46	--	29	31	60

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE

Churches	Superintendents and Addresses	Secretaries and Addresses	No. Offi. & Teachers	Number of Scholars	Total	Average Attendance	Baptisms From Schools	Quarterlies and Papers	Months Kept Open	Number of Schools
Arlington	A. R. Hartis, Charlotte, R. F. D. 11	F. A. Hamilton, Charlotte, R.F.D. 11	8	75	83	50	8	60	6	1
Clear Creek	W. C. Hough, Clear Creek	T. S. Pigg, Unionville	7	75	82	50	4	200	9	1
Cold Water										
Cornelius	R. D. Mooney, Davidson	George Sweet, Cornelius	8	60	68	36	2	90	12	1
First Charlotte	T. S. Franklin, Charlotte	I. Zickler, Charlotte	45	934	979	554	----	2000	12	1
First Concord	H. C. Herring, Concord	W. M. Kirk, Concord	13	----	---	126	--	----	12	1
Friendship	C. Garrison, Charlotte	Lester Walker, Charlotte, R. F. D. 4	7	----	---	25	----	110	12	1
Huntersville										
Independence Hill	H. B. Blackburn, Huntersville	C. J. Davis, Charlotte, R. F. D. 7	6	35	41	35	6	50	9	1
Louise	J. A. Newton, Charlotte	J. A. Williams, Charlotte	10	160	---	95	1	300	12	1
Long Creek										
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	T. A. Funderburk, Matthews	8	50	58	---	----	125	12	1
Newell	R. S. Small Charlotte, R. F. D. 9	Miss Minnie Austin, Newell	5	30	35	---	1	150	12	1
Ninth Avenue	D. W. Fink, Charlotte	Fred S. Conrad, Charlotte	17	358	375	150	19	----	12	1
North Charlotte										
Pineville	J. E. McClure, Pineville	Miss Lena Dominey, Pineville	7	60	67	50	2	107	12	1
Pleasant Plains	W. S. Paxton, Matthews	J. E. Broom, Matthews	8	65	73	4	----	400	12	1
Pritchard Memorial	W. F. Dowd, Charlotte	F. D. Lethco, Charlotte	12	178	190	104	14	375	12	1
Rock Hill										
Second Concord										
Union Grove	J. C. Heglar, Huntersville	L. O. Heglar, Huntersville	4	20	24	22	1	25	12	1
West Concord	J. R. Haney, Concord	H. F. Elliott, Concord	5	77	82	65	4	48	12	1
Wilson's Grove										
Zion										

FINANCIAL TABLE--REPORTED IN LETTERS

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs, Incidental	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Sunday Schools	Poor Fund	Old Ministers' Relief	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	Colportage	Grand Totals
Arlington	$ 110 55	$ 26 46	$	$	$ 5 00	$	$	$ 9 95	$	$	$	$	$	$ 151 96
Clear Creek	80 00	11 00	5 00	4 00	5 75	7 50		4 00		1 00				118 25
Cold Water			5 00	5 00	3 30									13 30
Cornelius	150 00	262 50	25 00	5 00	9 00		1 00	13 65		1 00		26 80		515 30
First Charlotte	3180 00	9612 65	150 0	270 85	1091 50	82 38		1500 00						17682 70
First Concord	900 00	309 70										144 48		1209 70
Friendship	100 00	49 00	30 00	13 50	16 40	12 50		8 00		2 00		7 25		338 65
Huntersville	40 00		5 00	2 00	2 00	2 50						8 25		57 87
Independence Hill	75 00		10 00	5 00	6 00	7 50		6 53		1 00		15 15		126 18
Louise	400 00	359 25	20 00	5 00	20 00	35 00			41 66	2 00	1 35	106 63		991 89
Matthews	200 00	39 00	25 00	7 00	7 00	15 00					10 00			303 00
Newell	50 00	50	3 50	2 00	3 00	1 45		4 06	3 82			14 50		88 83
Long Creek	75 00	6 00	4 50		4 00	4 00				1 00	5 00	13 00		107 50
Pineville	154 00	3 00				14 27		17 00				17 00		205 07
Pleasant Plains		6 25	15 00	5 00	5 00	10 00		8 00	7 85	2 00		5 25		53 85
Pritchard Memorial	1384 00	5326 09	147 92	115 00	264 15	42 72	10 00	109 63	18 71	5 30		256 30		7682 82
Rock Hill	59 90		5 00	2 50	4 59	5 00				1 00		6 50		51 44
Second Concord	500 00		10 00	5 00	10 00	10 00				3 00		146 00		684 00
Union Grove	120 00							3 00					3 65	126 65
West Concord	25 00	160 00	5 00	2 50	5 00	5 00		25 00		1 00				228 50
Wilson's Grove	80 00													80 00
Zion	40 00												10 66	50 56
Ninth Avenue	1000 00	1205 45	44 10	14 07	52 16	65 00		400 00						2477 14
North Charlotte	50 00				1 25								13 00	64 25

Table of Pledges for Next Year.

Churches	State Missions.	Ministerial Relief	Orphanage	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Education
Arlington	$ 5 00	$ 2 00	$ 10 00	$ 7 50	$ 5 00	$
Crear Creek	5	1	7 50	8	5	
Cold Water	5	2 50	5	5	5	1 00
Cornelius	30	2	15	12 50	5	3
First Charlotte	350	15	100	600	624	10 35
First Concord	75	10	72	40	40	10
Friendship	20	2	7 50	10	7 50	1
Huntersville	5	1	2 50	3	2 50	
Independence Hill	10	2	7	6	5	1
Long Creek	10	2		5		
Louise	22	3	37 50	20	5	2
Matthews	25	7	15		7	10
Newells	6	2	7	13	3	2
Ninth Avenue	60	7	50	50	3	5
North Charlotte	1	1	3	3	2	
Pineville	10	5	10	5	5	1
Pleasant Plain	10	3	11	5	6	1
Pritchard Memorial	135	10	40	250	100	10
Rock Hill	5	1	5	3	3	1 50
Second Concord	15	3	12 50	15	10	2 10
Union Grove		1	5	2 50	2 50	1
West Concord	7	2	6	7	5	2
Wilson's Grove	5	1	2	3	2 50	
Zion	3	1 50	2	2	3	1
Chadwick						
Total	$819 00	$87 00	$432 50	$1075 50	$816 00	$64 93

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The next session will be held with Chadwick Baptist Church, Charlotte, on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, 1909, it being the 14th day of September, beginning at 11 o'clock, A. M. Introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. J. C. Gillespie, Charlotte, N. C.

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Report of Association.

The twenty-third annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association was opened by religious services being conducted by Dr. H. H. Hulten, at 11 o'clock, a. m. Rev. S. N. Watson being absent, W. C. Dowd, Moderator and T. D. Maness, Clerk. A quorum being present the roll of churches was called and the following messengers enrolled:

Arlington—E. H. Hinson, A. R. Hardy.

Clear Creek—R. H. McManess, L. S. Helms, Steve Connell; Alternates, L. S. Pigg, R. B. Pope and J. F. Reader.

Cold Water—V. C. Barnhardt and J. W. Connell.

Cornelius—C. A. Hudspeth, T. B. White and Jonathan Mooney.

Chadwick—J. A .Combs and J. D. Moore.

First Church, Charlotte—Dr. H. H. Hulten, J. A. Durham, W. C. Dowd and Rev. J. Pruett.

First Church, Concord—Dr. H. C. Herring and T. D. Maness.

Second Church, Concord—Rev. D. F. Helms and J. W. Hansell.

West Concord—W. T. Talbirt and J. W .Snider.

Friendship——

Huntersville—W. A. Hough.

Independence Hill—C. S. Davis, H. B. Blackburn and J. R. McCurdy.

Louise—M. J. Green, C. F. Childen, S. A. Helms and Rev. J. C. Gillespie.

Long Creek—L. L. Grass and W. D. Bady.

Matthews—F. M. Abernathy, G. A. Newell and T. J. Renfrow.

Newell—Jas. Medlin and Rev. J. L. Kirk.

Ninth Avenue, Charlotte—T. J. Sprinkle, R. J. Boyd and Rev. R. L. Pruett.

North Charlotte—S. F. Conrad.

Pineville—

Pleasant Plains—W. S. Packston and J. E. Broom.

Pritchard Memorial, Charlotte—Dr. E. E. Bomar, Rev. D. M. Austin, W. F. Dowd and J. J. Ezell.

Rock Hill—

Union Grove—Rev. D. A. Tedder.

Wilson's Grove—W. G. Stegall, W .R. Small and E. H. Mullis.

Zion—Oscar Kiser.

The enrollment of messengers being finished the election of officers was taken up and resulted as follows:

Moderator—W. C. Dowd.

Clerk—T. D. Maness.

Treasurer—D. W. Fink.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on "Order of Business":

Dr. H. H. Hulten, H. C. Herring and D. M. Austin.

At 12:30 meeting adjourned to convene at 1:30.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Session opened at appointed time, 1:30, Rev. L. R. Pruett in the chair, prayer by Dr. Jno. E. Ray. W. C. Dowd takes the chair.

Committee on "Order of Business" makes the following report:

2 P. M.—Report on State Missions, L. R. Pruett.
Report on Home Missions, S. N. Watson.
Discussed, Livingstone Johnston.
3 P.M.—Report on Associational Missions, discussed by Pruett, Gillespie, Moose, Kirk, Combs, Hough, Talbirt and Snider.

WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional services by D. Allen Tedder.
Pledges for State and Home Missions.
10 a. m.—Report on Foreign Missions, E. E. Bomar.
Pledges.
10:45 a. m.—Report on Orphanage, H. H. Hulten.
Pledges.
11:30 a. m—Report on. Sunday schools, Dr .H. C. Herring.
12:30 p. m.—Adjourn.
2 p. m.—Devotional exercises, Brother Moose.
2:15 p. m.—Report on Periodicals, W. A. Hough.
2:30 p. m.—Report on Temperance, S. F .Conrad.
3:15 p. m.—Report on Ministerial Relief, W. T. Talbirt.
Pledges.
3:30 p. m.—Report of Committees.

Report on Orphanage called for and Dr. H. H. Hulten submitted the following report:

Report on Orphanage.

The past associational year has been one of unequalled prosperity for the Orphanage. God, through His people, has been gracious in the gifts of funds to carry forward a number of new enterprises. The past year has witnessed the completion of the Library Building at a cost of $3,000, the gift of J. B. Richardson, of High Point. The Infirmary Building is nearing completion, at a cost of $15,000. This building, one of the handsomest of its kind in the South, is the gift of the Baptist women of the State.

At present there are 375 children in the Orphanage with many more knocking at the door for admittance. The cost of keeping a child with all accessories, is $6.08, which shows the splendid style of economy practiced at the Orphanage.

The past year has been one of great prosperity for the Charity and Children, the official organ of our Orphanage. Over and above all operating expenses the paper turned $1859 into the Orphanage Treasury. The past year has also been marked with great health on the part of the children. Not a single death for the past twelve months.

At present our Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville represents an enterprise valued at $200,000.

H. H. HULTEN.

Report received and discussed by Dr. Hulten and adopted and pledges taken to amount of $631.00. (See Table.)

W. A. Hough made the following report on Periodicals:

Report on Periodicals.

In the beginning of the nineteenth century, before we had advanced much as Baptist people, our forefathers conceived the great need of religious literature. Since that time we have done more than ever before, and our religious papers have been one of the greatest agencies in accomplishing this noble work. It is true, sadly true, they are not read as they should be, and that sometimes they contain erronious articles, but on the whole their matter is good and helpful.

What we need today as pastors and Sunday School workers is more reading.

I cannot believe, or at least I don't see how, anyone can be an intelligent Baptist or an aggressive Christian worker without reading one or more of our papers. He most certainly cannot keep up with the doings in general of the Baptist people. Resolved, Therefore: That we do all we can to place in every home the following periodicals, viz., The Biblical Recorder ,Foreign Mission Journal, Charity and Children and Our Home Field.

Respectfully,

W. A. HOUGH.

Report unanimously adopted.

The Moderator calls for report on Temperance and Rev. S. F. Conrad filed the following:

Report on Temperance.

Temperance has been defined to be the moderate use of all things necessary ,and total abstinence from things unnecessary. The use of strong drink as a beverage is neither necessary for health nor helpful, but on the other hand has proven to be one of the greatest curses to the human family of modern times. It is asserted without contradiction, that more people are killed by intoxicating liquors than the three greatest curses of war, famine and pestilence. So manifold is this alarming statement that the world is rising up in condemnation of it in all of its forms. There is scarcely a civilized nation on the globe which is not agitated over the ruinous effects of alchohol. It is a matter of gratitude that

the people of North Carolina have expressed their conviction by popular vote and have declared by more than forty-four thousand majority against licensed saloons and the manufacture of liquor for general promiscuous use.

But let us not conclude that this ends the fight against its abuse. We need to protect our laws which have already been made and to wage an unrelenting war against the lawless element who seek to violate the laws and create a worse action of the people. We would especially urge every Christian man and woman to be most vigilant in keeping out a return of the evils of the traffic and also in bringing violators of the law to justice.

S. F. CONRAD.

Report discussed by S. F. Conrad and adopted.

W. T. Talbirt filed the following report on Ministerial Relief:

Report on Ministerial Relief.

Christ said, "The poor ye have with you and when ye will ye may do them good"—Luke 14:7.

We understand this to apply to the poor in general; but the poor we have under consideration are a special class of the poor, not having come to poverty through idleness, but by hard work and sacrifice for the good of their fellowman, and the honor of God.

Therefore, there rests upon us a double obligation to contribute to their support, not only because they are poor, but as a recompense for service.

There are now thirty-four of these poor each receiving an average of $135.81 from the Ministerial Relief Board.

Brethren: how can these live on this small pittance? May the Lord by his spirit and word appeal to our liberality and open hearts and pocketbooks. Respectfully Submitted,

W. T. TALBIRT.

Report discussed by W. T. Talbirt and adopted, pledges taken amounting to $80.00. (See Table.)

Motion made to amend "Order of Business" by which Home Missions would now be taken up. Motion lost.

The Moderator calls for report on State Missions and L. R. Pruett files the same, as follows:

Report on State Missions.

It is the primary purpose of the Board to aid in preaching the gospel and in planting churches in all the destitute sections of the State. Much of the territory, which was once barren and unfruitful, has been occupied; and where there was once barrenness and unfruitfulness, there are strong and prosperous churches.

Last year about four hundred points were applied by our missionaries of the Board and thirty houses of worship were finished or in course of construction. We have on the field in the State 160 Missionaries, working in 51 associations, who reported as the fruit

of their labors last year 3,229 conversions, 2,372 of whom joined Baptist churches.

Last year the contributions to State Missions by the churches of the State reached the sum of about $40,000. If the board had the money in hand and the right kind of men could be secured, at least $75,000 could wisely and profitably be expended every year within the bounds of the Convention.

The Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association is one of the 51 in which the Board is doing mission work. It is greatly needed for there is much destitution in this growing and important field. Within the borders of this Association there are eleven cities and towns and a prosperous and well-to-do district. Here is the center of cotton manufacturing and is destined to become the electric center of the South; and hence new industries are attracted and established by which the population is rapidly increased, and our mission work is made more important. There are three towns in the Association with a population from 500 to 1500 with no houses of worship, and in two of which there are no Baptist churches. This is saying nothing about the large destitution of the country. The field, both in the towns and the country, is especially inviting to the Baptists. Will we go over and possess the land? The opportunity is ours.

Much has been done and we would not be guilty of ingratitude to God for his blessings upon us. There are some things, brethren, that we ought to remember in connection with our work. We should remember with grateful acknowledgment the strong and growing churches we have already, and the blessings of God upon our mission churches in giving them large numbers to their membership, as is shown by their letters.

It should be remembered that our Association received from the Board more than we give to State missions. In the face of this fact our contributions to State missions should largely be increased during the coming year. L. R. PRUETT.

Report received and discussed by L. R. Pruett and Livingston Johnson, report adopted and pledges taken to the amount of $1,004.50. (See Table.)

Associational Missions discussed by S. F. Conrad, J. C. Gillespie, Brother Moose, D. A. Tedder, Dr. E. E. Bomar, J. A. Combs, J. W. Snider, W. T .Talbirt, T. J. Renfrow, W. A. Hough and J. L. Kirk.

This discussion was very interesting and created a great deal of interest.

The report on Home Missions was called for by the Moderator; Report written by S. N. Watson and read by H. C. Herring, and filed as follows:

Report on Home Missions.

On the 8th day of May 1845, a convention of leading men from our Baptist churches in the Southern States met in the city of

Augusta, Ga., and organized the Southern Baptist Convention. The object was, and is now the extension of the Messiah's kingdow and the glory of our God. The aggregate membership of the southern church at that time did not exceed 450,000, of whom about 250,000 were whites and 200,000 were blacks. This convention constituted two boards, one for Foreign Missions and one for Home Missions. In its first annual report the Home Board says: Most of the organizations have become auxiliary to this board. The policy of co-operation is coeval with the convention and has for more than half a century received its sanction and support. The Home Mission Board is not only supporting missionaries and building houses of worship in Cuba and the Far West, but it is also establishing schools in every Southern State as well. We should, therefore, strive to keep before our people the fact that we are under obligations ,high, deep and strong, to the Home Mission Board. For that, we are, both from an educational and religious point of view, in a large measure, indebted to the efforts put forth by the Board as well as for the ability to do what we are doing for foreign missions. That God approves of and is smiling on this work is clearly shown by the success that has attended the Board's efforts in the past. (See page 176, Minutes S. B. C.)

One of the greatest difficulties in the way of the Home Board is that the people do not realize the great needs of the field. It requires no argument or thought to convince anyone interested in missions that there is destitution in China, India or Africa, but they are so accustomed to the enjoyment of religious privileges themselves that they cannot realize that in this favored land there are any communities which are without such privileges. It requires facts, arguments and reflections to produce the conviction that there is destitution in our Southland, as well as in foreign fields. It is a startling thought, that as all are born without knowledge of the truth, if evangelistic effort should cease, America would become as much a pagan country as China or Africa, within the life of a single generation. It is another startling fact that notwithstanding all that has been done by our churches and mission boards in the last half century, and the great success that has attended our efforts, though the Baptists have increased from 450,000 to more than 4,000,000 in this Southland, there are more unregenerated persons within the limits of our convention than there were fifty years ago. To these we must give the gospel or they will probably never receive it. These facts force upon us the conclusion that great as has been our success the work of our Baptist churches has not been half accomplished, and in view of the rapid increase of our population by means of immigration, it becomes us to redouble our diligence and let the incoming tide of humanity, be met at the ports with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. WATSON.

Report discussed by S. F. Conrad and adopted, pledges taken

to the amount of $883.50. (See Table.)

A committee on "Digest of Church Letters" was named as follows: S. F. Conrad, J. C. Gillespie and J. F. Helms.

A "Finance Committee" was named as follows: H. C. Herring, J. A. Durham and J. F. Dowd.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

9:30—Devotional exercises conducted by Dr. E. E. Bomar.

Prayer by W. T. Talbirt and J. F. Helms.

Brother Livingston Johnston makes offer to give Association $1,600.00 provided it would pledge $1,000.00 for State Missions, which offer was accepted and pledges raised.

The chair announced that the hour had arrived for the report on Foreign Missions, and Dr. E. E. Bomar files the following:

Report on Foreign Missions.

Our work conducted by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is in a prosperous condition, though greatly hampered by lack of means. By the last report of the Board there were 212 missionaries and more than three hundred native preachers and other helpers. There were baptized 2,174 souls for the year ending December 31st. (Latest report.) Of this number 571 were from China, 1087 from Brazil and the rest from the other fields of the Board, namely: Africa, Italy, Japan, Mexico and Argentina. The membership of foreign churches, under our board, numbers 14,179, divided among 229 churches. There are also more than 500 stations or preaching places not yet developed into churches.

The receipts of the Board for the past year were $402,328.16, of this sum North Carolina Baptists gave $35,540.97, and Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association gave $1,741.85. The receipts last year were slightly below the receipts the year before, but nevertheless for years the income of the board has steadily increased. The aim this year is to raise $500,000. This means an average increase throughout the whole South of twenty-five per cent. and that our associations should increase their contributions accordingly. But some churches have been doing very little and these should double or even quadruple their gifts. We Baptists believe in obedience to the Lord who said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." God has given us men and means to obey His command. But the painful truth is that either from covetousness or indolence or ignorance the means to send missionaries, though in the hands of God's people, are not available. It is not right that one hundred members should give only five dollars.

Your committee believes that our people are not unwilling to give and that some even desire to give liberally but do not know how. We suggest, therefore, that every church have a Foreign Mission Committee and keep in touch with the Foreign Mission Board. By simply writing a postal card to the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., valuable information, as to how to take col-

lections and what are the needs of the Board ,can be obtained free.

Your committee urges that our people pray continually for God's cause in foreign lands and that we endeaveor to raise next year, in this Association, $2,200.00 for Foreign Missions.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. E. BOMAR.

Report received and discussed by Dr. Bomar and L. R. Pruett and adopted ,and pledges taken to the amount of $1,039.00. (See Table).

The Moderator appointed the following committee to nominate delegates to the State Convention: J. J. Ezell, H. C. Herring and W. A. Hough.

The following committee was appointed to nominate an "Executive Committee": W. F. Dowd, J. W. Snider and W. S. Paxton.

Committee appointed on time, place and preacher for next Association: Dr. E. E. Bomar, D. F. Helms and D. M .Austin.

Report on Orphanage filed by Dr. H. H. Hulten was again referred to, and L. R. Pruett desired to know the feature of the Orphanage which impressed the visitors most. The feature that impressed him most was the training of the children. Dr. Bomar was impressed with buildings and grounds and cleanliness of rooms, and especially impressed with dining room. D. F. Helms was impressed with the manly way in which the children conducted themselves. It was suggested by Brother Pruett that the name of the excursion be changed to "Picnic of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association."

Rev. Archibald Johnston made a splendid address and among other things spoke of the new buildings, one Library and the other the new Infirmary, stating that there would soon be added to the Orphanage a "Runt Department."

The Moderator, W. C. Dowd, spoke in the interest of the excursion and the running of another, stating that the running of the excursion by Bro. J. A. Durham was very successful and enjoyed by all.

Report on Sunday School was called for and Dr. H. C. Herring filed the following:

Report on Sunday School.

(Using the First Church of Concord as a Basis.)

During the past year our Sunday School has been one of cheer, one of sorrow. In the beginning of this Associational year our Sunday school was well attended and efficiently officered—making satisfactory progress in every department.

New features had been planned not only to increase the interest of the older ones ,but especially designed to interest the "tots," to whom the church must look for future numerical and spiritual strength.

One of the features was the establishment of a class for the deaf. This class was most interesting to the teacher and the effort

was highly appreciated by those silent ones, as was indicated by their prompt attendance. It is firmly established in the mind of this writer that the church, or Sunday-school, is neglecting a great duty right here—for those afflicted ones are much more in need of information and spiritual development than the hearing.

During the past summer two great mills were totally destroyed, throwing many of uor members out of employment, which resulted in a serious loss of both pupils and teachers. They are picking up, however, and an effort is being made to regain what was lost.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. C. HERRING.

Report discussed by Dr. H. C. Herring and E. L. Middleton and adopted.

The Moderator reports the following program for the next session of the Association:

To make report on Foreign Missions—Dr. H. H. Hulten.
To make report on State Missions—S. N. Watson.
To make report on Home Missions—S. F. Conrad.
To make report on Orphanage—D. M. Austin.
To make report on Periodicals—J. C. Gillespie.
To make report on Sunday Schools—T. S. Franklin.
To make report on Education—L. R. Pruett.
To make report on Temperance—W. A. Hough.

At 12:30 o'clock the meeting adjourned to meet at 1:45.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

1:45. Devotional exercises conducted by Brother Moose, prayer by J. C. Gillespie and Dr. H. H. Hulten, Song "Work for the Night."

Pledges taken as per tables.

Committee on "Time and Place" makes the following report:

The next session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association will he held with Chadwick Baptist Church on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, it being the 14th day of September, 1909, beginning at 11 o'clock, a. m. Introductory sermon by J. C. Gillespie.

D. M. AUSTIN,
E. E. BOMAR,
D. F. HELMS,
Committee.

Report adopted.

The "Finance Committee" filed the following report:

Report.

Total funds brought up to Association $275.80, of which $30.00 is reported as minute fund, all of which amount has been

turned into Treasurer Fink's hands.

H. C .HERRING,
J. A. DURHAM,
W. F. DOWD,
Finance Committee.

The committee to name delegates to State Convention makes the following report:

Report.

To the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association:

Your committee to name delegates to State Convention names the following: J. A. Durham, D. F. Helms, C. J. Davis and T. J. Renfrow.

J. J. EZELL, for Committee.

The Moderator announced that the time for the report on Education had arrived, and D. A. Tedder submitted the following:

Report of Committee on Education.

Your committee on Education wishes to endorse most heartily the determination of the churches of this association to increase to $1000.00 their contributions to State Missions. In the same connection we wish to invite attention to the great need of more religious workers and better trained ones. Experience has shown that our denominational schools and colleges turn out more Christians, better Christians and better trained Christian workers than any other institutions of learning. We, therefore, call attention to the needs of Wake Forest College, our University for Women and our various preparatory schools throughout the State.

Wake Forest had 371 students last year and has just opened with an enrollment greater than at the first of any previous session. She had more than fifty students last year who were dependent upon the Ministerial Board for assistance. She will probably have a larger number of ministerial students at the present session.

The Baptist University for Women has opened with every room occupied. Our preparatory schools are also showing marked progress. We urge their staunch patronage and support by our Baptist parents.

Especially do we invite attention to the needs of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, which was founded and is being conducted for the better training of our ministers and missionaries. The times demand a well educated ministry, and we urge larger contributions to ministerial education.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL ALLEN TEDDER.

Report discussed by Tedder and adopted.

Committee on "Digest of Church Letters" filed report as follows:

Report.

We find by comparison with the work of last year, the Association as a whole has made commendable progress. Twenty out

of the twenty-five churches report baptisms, and only three churches report a loss in membership. All the churches are represented by letters and delegates except one, Friendship. We find twenty of the churches report a gain in membership and we note the largest net gain is reported by the First Baptist church, Charlotte, reporting a net gain of 103, Chadwick next with 63, Ninth Avenue, 41, North Charlotte and Louise reporting each 39, Concord Second reports 35, Pritchard Memorial 29, Concord West 25, Wilson's Grove 24, Cornelius 23, Arlington 22, and others from nine down. By comparing the figures with last year we find the following: Baptized last year 260, this year 349. Total additions last year 664, this year 705. Net gain last year 385, net gain this year 461. Total membership last year was 3072, this year 3508.

In our Sunday School work we note reported last year enrolled 2157, this year 3172. Only three churches reporting no Sunday Schools, Huntersville, Cold Water and Zion.

We cull the following figures from the letters as sent out to the Association:

Pastors Salaries	$ 9,724.05
State Missions	502.77
Foreign Missions	1,617.63
Ministerial Education	37.65
Sunday School Expenses	1,102.37
Colleges and Schools	25.00
Colportage	4.27
Other Objects	637.95
Building and Repairs	14,265.85
Home Missions	1,075.46
Orphanage	1,013.73
Old Minister's Relief	22.36
Poor	-197.41
Sunday School Missions	10.32
Incidentals	3,198.41
Making a grand total of	$33,517.85

It will be noted that all of our mission churches have been most singularly blessed, which is an indication of the divine favor upon this special department of work. We recommend that the Association request the churches to send up to a specially appointed committee, or the clerk, a duplicate of the church letters so a digest of the letters may be prepared before the Association meets.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. CONRAD,
D. F. HELMS,
J. C. GILLESPIE,
Committee.

Report discussed by Dr. H .C. Herring and S. F. Conrad, report adopted as amended.

Dr. H. C. Herring introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That this Association extend a vote of thanks to the good people of this community for their kindness and hospitality during the services of this convention. Motion made and carrieed to add $15.00 to the Minute Fund of an appropriated fund.

Motion made by Rev. S. F. Conrad to request churches to send letters to clerk one week before association meets; motion lost.

Dr. E. E. Bomar was elected delegate to Southern Baptist Convention; alternate ————————————

Upon motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That the thanks of this association be extended to its efficient clerk, T. D. Maness, and the Committee on Digest of Church Letters.

The committee to name Executive Committee filed the following report:

Executive Committee.

H. C. Herring, J. A. Durham, W. F. Dowd, T. D. Maness, L. R. Pruett, Chairman.

W. F. DOWD, for Committee.

The Moderator announced that the session of the twenty-third Annual Session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association had been completed, and a motion was made and carried to adjourn to meet as per previous announcement. After song, "Blest be the Tie That Binds," and benediction, the twenty-third Annual Session closed.

W. C. DOWD, Moderator.
T. D. MANESS, Clerk.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT--REPORTED IN LETTERS

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Buildings and Repairs, Incidentals	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Sunday Schools	Poor Fund	Old Ministers Relief	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	Colportage	Grand Totals
Arlington	$ 108 90	$ 73 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 7 50	$ 10 00	$	$ 11 65	$	$ 2 00	$	$	$	$ 223 05
Clear Creek	75 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	7 50				1 00				120 50
Cold Water			5 00	3 00	2 45	5 00				1 12				16 00
Cornelius	275 00	897 50	30 00	5 00	12 50	15 00	3 00	20 70	10 00	2 00		10 0	4 27	1266 97
Chadwick	300 00	1345 14						25 00				50 00		1420 14
First Charlotte	3180 00	12119 96	132 15	972 83	1391 56	539 79		1508 09	233 21					20089 57
First Concord	900 00	427 76	89 25	54 00	60 00	149 00		74 45	11 67			90 00		1856 13
Second Concord	575 00	31 84	16 00	10 00	17 25	12 50	2 10	110 58	3 45	3 04		144 75		925 47
West Concord	60 00	60 10	5 00	6 00	7 00	6 50	2 00	32 89	1 60	2 00				183 09
Friendship	100 00		24 00	11 30	13 85	15 50	1 00	8 00		2 00	6	16 95		193 20
Huntersville	30 00	5 00	5 00	2 15		2 55						5 00		52 70
Independence Hill	125 00	3 45	10 00	5 00	6 00	9 00	1 00	4 58		2 00		28 20		194 33
Louise	500 00	326 92	26 07	6 85	29 71	44 73	5 00	84 74	24 56	4 32	25 50			1050 80
Long Creek	100 00	11 50	3 00	4 00	2 00	2 00		5 00				1 00		133 82
Matthews	315 00	270 00	25 00	7 00	10 00	15 00		12 00		7 00				661 00
Newell	50 00	10 00	3 50	2 00	3 00	5 89	1 09	3 11		42				78 92
Ninth Ave,, Charlotte	1000 00	955 10	31 00	25 00	27 35	129 36		156 77	12 83					2337 41
North Charlotte	113 90	673 68	1 00	1 00	1 85	50		38 80				242 80		1073 50
Pineville	150 00	87 50	12 70	5 00	9 50	20 00	1 00			5 00		20 00		310 70
Pleasant Plains	150 00	14 15	10 00	6 00	5 00	11 00	1 00			3 00				210 15
Pritchard Memorial	1500 00	854 62	89 03	123 11	266 12	59 00	6 55		18 90			135 00		3263 33
Rock Hill	120 00	140 00	2 33					6 89						149 22
Union Grove	120 00		2 00		3 25	2 00								132 00
Wilson's Grove	80 00							5 00						85 00
Zion	60 00		3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00			1 50				28 75
Totals	$ 9824 05	$18314 22	$ 535 03	$1262 24	$1878 89	$1063 72	$24 65	$2110 25	$314 22	$36 36	$25 60	$624 25	$ 4 27	$ 36057 32

STATISTICAL TABLE--REPORTED IN LETTERS

Churches	Pastors and Their Addresses	Clerks and Their Addresses	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Total	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Gained	Lost	Male Members	Female Members	Total Membership
Arlington	C H. Martin, Polkton	W. A. Connell, R. F. D., Charlotte	27	2	2	31	4	3	2	9	22	--	128	138	276
Clear Creek	C. H. Martin, Polkton	L. S. Pigg, Unionville	5	---	1	6	2	--	--	2	4	--	46	65	111
Cold Water	S. N. Watson. Concord	J W Connell, Concord	---	1	3	4	1	--	1	2	2	--	25	27	52
Cornelius	W A Hough, Cornelius	R. D. Mooney, Davidson	13	12	1	26	2	1	--	---	23	--	51	57	108
Chadwick	J D. Moose, R. F D 6, Charlotte	B F Bumgardner, R. F. D. 5, Charlotte	48	18	--	66	9	--	1	10	---	--	---	---	141
First Charlotte	Dr. H. H. Hulten, Charlotte	J. A. Durham, Charlotte	46	78	6	130	28	--	6	34	96	--	---	---	814
First Concord	S. N Watson, Concord	H. C. Herring, Concord	1	10	--	11	19	1	1	21	---	10	91	151	242
Second Concord	D. F Helms, Concord	T H. Alexander, Concord	22	31	1	54	16	2	1	19	25	--	65	87	151
West Concord	J. W. Snider, Concord	W. F. Stegall, Concord	11	17	--	28	3	--	--	3	25	--	28	36	64
Friendship	D. A. Tedder, Charlotte	C. Garrison, R. F. D. 12, Charlotte	1	---	--	1	1	--	--	1	---	--	15	22	37
Huntersville	W A. Hough, Cornelius	S. L Mullen, Huntersville	---	---	--	---	---	--	--	---	---	--	12	14	26
Independence Hill	W. A. Hough, Cornellus	C. S. Davis, R. F. D. 7, Charlotte	---	4	--	4	---	--	--	---	4	--	31	44	65
Louise	J. C. Gillespie, Charlotte	Josiah Allen, Charlotte	32	38	--	70	19	12	--	31	39	--	78	137	215
Long Creek	W. L. Barrs, Matthews	J. S. Underwood, Sandifer	8	2	--	10	1	--	--	1	9	--	12	31	43
Matthews	W. L. Barrs, Matthews	W. L. Hatfield, Matthews	6	7	--	13	11	--	2	---	---	--	39	76	115
Newell	J. L. Kirk, Newell	W. C. Sutton, Newell	3	5	1	9	3	--	--	3	7	--	13	18	31
Ninth Ave., Charlotte	L. R. Pruett, Charlotte	J. H. Fidler, Charlotte	20	39	1	59	12	2	5	18	41	--	121	288	409
North Charlotte	S F. Conrad, Charlotte	J D Turner, North Charlotte	33	15	6	54	23	9	--	22	31	--	26	52	78
Pineville	J L. Bennett, Wingate	C. J. Price, Matthews	4	4	--	8	4	--	--	4	4	--	30	58	88
Pleasant Plains	W. L. Barrs, Matthews	J. E. Broom, Matthews	15	3	--	18	8	--	3	13	5	--	35	60	95
Pritchard Memorial	Dr. E. E. Bomar, Charlotte	J. J. Ezell, Charlotte	33	22	1	56	12	12	2	27	29	--	63	135	198
Rock Hill	J. L. Kirk, Newell	A. D. Crisco, R F. D. 7, Concord	---	1	--	4	4	1	--	5	---	4	16	23	39
Union Grove	D. A Tedder, Charlotte	J. C. Hagler, Huntersville	---	---	--	---	---	--	1	1	---	1	14	21	35
Wilson's Grove	C. H. Martin, Polkton	E. H. Mullis, R. F. D. 9, Charlotte	20	5	3	28	4	--	--	4	24	--	40	55	95
Zion	J. L Kirk, Newell	B. Funderburk, Concord	2	---	1	3	5	1	--	6	---	3	10	6	16
		Totals	350	313	27	690	188	44	23	236	401	18	979	1601	3535

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE--REPORTED IN LETTERS

Churches	Superintendent's Addresses	Secretaries and Addresses.	No. Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Baptisms from Schools.	Quarterlies and Papers.	No. of Schools.
Arlington	A. R. Hartis, rfd 11, Charlotte	F. A. Hamilton, R. F. D., Charlotte	8	80	88	56½	10	80	1
Clear Creek	R. M. Hagler, Indian Trail.	T. A. Helms, R. F. D., Charlotte	7	90	97	65	5	300	1
Cold Water									
Cornelius	R. D. Mooney ,Davidson	Geo. Sweet, Cornelius	9	77	86	58	5	115	1
Chadwick	T. C. Wilson ,Charlotte	J. W. Gady, Charlotte	8	121	129				1
First Church, Charlotte	T. S. Franklin, Charlotte	R. F. Zickler, Charlotte	49	1009	1056	500			2
First Church, Concord	Dr. H. C. Herring, Concord	Floyd Corzine, Concord	16	155	171	113			1
Second Church, Concord	J. E. Wright, Concord	W. L. Mills, Concord	10	186	196	104	18	216	1
West Concord	W. F. Stegall, Concord	T. V. Talbirt, Concord	5	92	97	50	10	100	1
Friendship	C. Garrison, rfd 11, Charlotte	Lester Walker, R. F. D., 4, Charlotte	4	35	39	20	1	92	1
Huntersville									
Independence Hill	H. B. Blackman, Huntersville	C. S. Davis, R. F. D. 7, Charlotte	5	37	42	21		1 45	1
Louise	J. K. Williams, Charlotte	C. C. Helms, Charlotte	11	200	211	100	15	398	1
Long Creek	H. T. Beatty, Sandifer	Louis Spurievy, Sandifer	5	25	30	20	1	50	1
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	F. A. Funderburk, Matthews	8	60	68	40	5	85	1
Newell	M. L. Bonds, Newell	Miss Minnie Austin ,Newell	5	20	25	20	1	30	1
Ninth, Ave., Charlotte	F. S. Conrad, Charlotte	J. H. Fidler, Charlotte	17	375	390	165			1
North Charlotte	B. F. Cato, North Charlotte	J. D. Turner, North Charlotte	6	154	160	75	16	250	1
Pineville	J. E. McClure, Pineville	Miss May Culp, Pineville	7	35	42	30	2	65	1
Pleasant Plains	W. S. Paxton, Matthews	J. E. Broom, Matthews	7	60	67	35	5	200	1
Pritchard Memorial	W. F. Dowd, Charlotte	F. D. Lether, Charlotte	12	192	204	107		200	1
Rock Hill	A. D. Crisco, Concord	Miss Lizzie Crisco, Concord	6	65	71	40		60	1
Union Grove	J. C. Hager, Huntersville	Oliver Hugo, Huntersville	3	13	16	10		13	1
Wilson's Grove	W. R. Small, rfd 9, Charlotte	W. T. Mullis, R. F. D. 9, Charlotte	6	80	86	50	10	85	1
Zion									
			214	3161	3371	1179½	104	2384	23

Table of Pledges for Next Year.

Churches	Home Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Relief	Ministerial Education	Sunday School Mission	Orphanage
Arlington	$	$ 15	$	$	$	$	$
Clear Creek	7	15	5	1		2	16
Cold Water	5	6	3	1	1		5
Cornelius	10	32 50	15	2	3	2	17
Chadwick	16	10	10	3	5	2	10
First Charlotte	650	401	650	25	100		250
First Concord	25	61	25	5	5	3	70
Second Concord	10	25	15	10	3	3	15
West Concord	6	12	7	4			15
Friendship		20					10
Huntersville	2 50	6	3	1		1	2 50
Independence Hill	5	15	6	2	1	1	8
Louise	7	41	36	4	5	3	45
Long Creek	5	10	2				3
Matthews		26					
Newell	4	10	7	1	2	1	8
Ninth Ave., Charlotte	40	51	40	5	5	5	85
North Charlotte	5	21	5	1	1	1	5
Pineville	5	11	5	5	1		18
Pleasant Plains	6	17	5	3	1		11
Pritchard Memorial	75	171	200	5	10	10	50
Rock Hill	3	6	3	1	2	1 50	6
Union Grove		6					
Wilson's Grove		10				2 50	
Zion	3	5	3	1	1	50	2
Totals	$ 883 50	$1004 50	$1039 00	$80 00	$ 146 00	$ 38 50	$ 631 00

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The next session will be held with Independence Hill, on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, 1910, beginning at 10:30 a. m. Introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. W. P. Campbell, Charlotte, N. C.; alternate, Rev. K. W. Hogan, Pineville, N. C.

Report of Association.

The twenty-fourth annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association was held with Chadwick Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., and opened by religious services being conducted by Dr. E. E. Bomar, at 11 o'clock a. m. W. C. Dowd, Moderator, and T. D. Maness, Clerk. A quorum being present the roll of churches was called and the following messengers enrolled:

Arlington—Milas Medlin.

Clear Creek—Henry Pigg, A. W. McManus and Willie Hough.

Cold Water—J. W. Connell and V. C. Barnhardt.

Cornelius—W. A. Hough, J. P. Chistie, A. P. Sweet and R. D. Mooney.

Chadwick—E. L. Thomas, I. S. Wallace and W. L. Barrs.

First Church Charlotte—I. W. Durham, W. C. Dowd, J. A. Durham, L. L. Hackney, Bruce Howell, J. F. Mosteller, Julius Pruitt and Dr. H. H. Hulten.

First Church Concord—H. C. Herring, J. N. Parker, S. N. Watson and T. D. Maness.

Second Church Concord—J. N. Perry, E. J. Parnell, S. B. Hagler and D. F. Helms.

West Concord—J. W. Snyder, W. B. Zimmerman, D. Hill, W. Honeycutt, F. Coker and W. T. Talbirt.

Friendship—C. Garrison and A. C. Fisher.

Huntersville—W. A. Hough.

Independence Hill—H. B. Blackburn, I. B. Flowers and J. L. Philipps.

Kannapolis—R. M. Brauson, W. E. Carter and J. A. Combs.

Louise—E. C. McAlpine, J. H. Allen, S. A. Helms and W. P. Campbell.

Long Creek—L. L. Grass, F. T. Beaty and W. O. Smith.

Matthews—T. A. Newell, J. W. Griffin and J. E. M. Davenport.

Newell—John Austin, R. H. Monteith and W. C. Sutton.

Ninth Avenue Charlotte—J. H. Fidler, F. S. Conrad, C. B. Rogers, R. J. Boyd, D. W. Fink, C. T. Stroup, B. L. Kisiah and L. R. Pruett.

North Charlotte—W. A. Payseur, T. C. Honeycutt, B. F. Cato and S. F. Conrad.

Oak Grove—S. M. Garrison, J. P. Stroup, Miss Cora Edwards and Miss Mamie Garrison.

Pineville—Arch Helms, C. J. Price and K. W. Hogan.

Pleasant Plain—H. L. Helms, J. J. McLendon and R. B. Fincher..

Pritchard Memorial Charlotte—E. E. Bomar, W. F. Dowd, R. L. Momack, D. M. Austin and J. J. Ezell.

Rock Hill—

Union Grove—J. C. Hager and R. H. Hasty.

Wilson's Grove—W. R. Small.

The enrollment being finished election of officers was taken up and resulted as follows:

Moderator—W. C. Dowd.

Clerk—T. D. Maness.

Treasurer—D. W. Fink.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on "Order of Business:"

W. L. Barrs, Dr. H. H. Hulten and S. N. Watson.

Upon motion the following committee was appointed to look into the "Constitution and By-laws" of the Association and report at the next session: (Motion Amended Later).

D. M. Austin, L. R. Pruett and S. F. Conrad.

At 1 o'clock meeting adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING, 3 P. M.

Devotions by Rev. W. P. Campbell.

Committee on "Order of Business" makes the following report:

REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Tuesday P. M. Call to Order 3:00.

Devotions—W. P. Campbell.

Report on Sunday School—T. S. Franklin.

Report on Periodicals—W. P. Campbell.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Call to order at 8 o'clock.

Devotions—J W. Snyder.

Report on Orphanage—D. M. Austin.

Report on Associational Missions—Executive Committee.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Call to order at 10 o'clock.

Devotions—Julius Pruett.

Report on Temperance—W. A. Hough.

Report on Ministerial Relief—W. T. Talbirt.

Report on State Missions—S. N. Watson.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Call to order at 3 o'clock.

Devotions—K. W. Hogan.

Report on Home Missions—S. F. Conrad.
Report on Foreign Missions—H. H. Hulten.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Call to order at 8 o'clock.
Devotions—W. L. Barrs.
Report on Education—L. R. Pruett.

Report adopted.

Motion made and carried to amend motion previously made by requesting committee on "Constitution and By-laws" to report at this session. Upon later motion it was ordered that the committee should not be required to make report at this association but should be allowed to file a report and have the same placed in the minutes of this association.

Upon suggestion of the Moderator there was a motion made that the committee on "Order of Business" make arrangements for dinner on the grounds Wednesday. Motion carried

Upon motion of Dr. Hulten the ladies of the Missionary Societies were invited to attend the association and be heard.

L. R. Pruett made a motion that a committee be appointed to apportion what each church shall pay to Foreign Missions. Motion carried. The Moderator appoints the following committee: L. R. Pruett, S. N. Watson and W. P. Campbell. (This motion was afterwards merged into a motion by which all funds should be apportioned by the Executive Committee).

3:45—Report on Sunday Schools was called. No Report filed.

Report discussed by E. L. Middleton, Sunday School Secretary, who made a stirring speech.

Motion was made by E. E. Bomar to appoint a committee to apportion among the churches of the association what each church should be requested to pay to the various objects. Motion by S. F. Conrad as substitute to proceed with pledges as heretofore. Substitute lost 12 to 27. The original motion was then unanimously carried.

The foregoing motions brought forward an interesting discussion in which great earnestness prevailed.

Report on Periodicals was called for by Moderator. A motion carried to adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock at which time report would be taken up.

At 5:30 meeting adjourns to meet at 8 o'clock Tuesday night.

TUESDAY NIGHT.

At 8 o'clock P. M., the Moderator being absent, at request Rev. D. M. Austin takes the chair. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. W. Snyder. As previously arranged, report of

Periodicals was called for and W. P. Campbell filed the following:

Report on Periodicals.

This is an age when our homes cannot be too well guarded against mischevous literature, for the market is flooded with immoral journals and pernicious books of all sorts. This corrupting literature with its obscure pictures and flaming head lines, is in abundance, and can be obtained at almost every bookstore and news stand, or purchased from the news boys that peddle such trash on the streets of our cities and towns, and on the trains, and even our villages and the country districts are being infested with this great curse.

The harmful effect of evil literature is being felt all over our land, and is arousing anxious thought in the minds of our best people—but just how to stop this mighty flood of wit, presents a problem yet to be solved.

It is stated upon good authority that bad journalism in New York City is a worse evil than the whiskey traffic of that place. With these facts before us, it behooves us as a christian denomination, to foster and support only such literature as will tend to elevate our people, and that will inculcate ideals of noble living in the minds of our children.

The Baptists of North Carolina are fortunate in having published within the bounds of our State Convention the Biblical Recorder, which is the duly recognized organ of the Convention.

The Recorder is now in its seventy-fifth year, and continues to improve with its age.

Brother Moore has greatly pleased our people as editor in chief, and under his management the Recorder still retains its old-time ring for Godliness and truth.

Some reasons in favor of Baptists taking and reading the Recorder:

It is a newspaper whose specialty is the news of the Kingdom to which they belong.

It is strictly a religious paper.

It aims true to its name, to be thoroughly Biblical.

It is just like putting money into State Missions, for it is an evangelizing agency.

Unless you read the Recorder you cannot know the glorious strength and achievements of the company to which you belong. A liberally patronized, and carefully read church paper means a well informed, loyal, aggressive, cultured people. A continued reading of the Recorder will settle all the doubts one may have as to the glorious Bible doctrines we hold and teach. It will tend to impart the Missionary Spirit.

In connection with the Recorder we indorse and commend to our people, Charity and Children, published in the interest of the Orphanage; the Home Field, published in Atlanta in the interest

of Home Missions; the Foreign Mission Journal, published in Richmond, Va., in the interest of Foreign Missions.

W. P. CAMPBELL.

Rev. Hight C. Moore, Editor of the Recorder, made an interesting and helpful address on the report as filed. The report was also discussed by Rev. A. L. Betts, representative of the Recorder. Report unanimously adopted.

9 P. M. Report on Orphanage was called for by the Moderator, and Rev. D. M. Austin files the following:

Report on Orphanage.

Our Orphanage has had a very successful year. There have been a few deaths, but the general health has been good. There has been some improvements in the buildings. There has been a decided effort to improve the grounds and make them more attractive for the children. We suggest that all the Sunday Schools take one collection monthly for the Orphanage and also take a collection for them on Thanksgiving Day. It costs about $6 50 per month to support each child.

This work appeals to us all—Let us heartily support it.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. AUSTIN.

Report received and discussed by Rev. M. L. Kestler, Superintendent of the Orphanage. His address was powerful and full of information. The report was unanimously adopted.

Prayer by Rev. L. R. Pruett.

10:10 P. M. Upon motion meeting adjourns to convene at 9:30 A. M. Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

9:30 A. M. Devotions conducted by W. T. Talbirt.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation."

Prayer by Dr. E. E. Bomar.

10 A. M. The Moderator being absent, at request Rev. D. M. Austin takes the chair.

The chair announced that the hour had arrived for report on Associational Missions, and Rev. L. R. Pruett made an excellent report as to the work being done this association.

Revs. J. L. Kirk, J. W. Snyder, W. T. Talbirt, D. F. Helms, J. J. McLendon, W A. Hough, J. E. M. Davenport and K. W. Hogan made splendid reports of their respective fields, W. T. Talbirt being City Missionary in the city of Concord.

The Moderator appoints the following committees:

"Finance Committee," D. M. Austin, J. J. Ezell and C. B. Rogers.

"Committee to Nominate Delegates to State Convention"

H. C. Herring, J. W. Snyder and A. W. McManus.

"Committee to nominate Executive Committee," S. N. Watson, H. H. Hulten and W. A. Hough.

"Committee on Time, Place and Preacher," E. E. Bomar, D. M. Austin and J. W. Snyder.

"Committee on Digest of Church Letters," S. F. Conrad, D. F. Helms and J. L. Kirk.

"Committee to nominate Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention," W. P. Campbell, S. N. Watson, and J. J. McLendon.

10:45 A. M. W. C. Dowd, Moderator, takes the chair.

Oak Grove Baptist Church makes application to be admitted to this association as follows:

The York Baptist Association,

To the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association.

Dear Brethren:

This is to certify that Oak Grove Baptist Church has been associated with us in good and regular standing since its organization in 1903, and at its own request, is hereby dismissed from us for purpose of becoming associated with you. May the divine blessings rest upon it and upon you. Done by the order of York Baptist Association, September 9th, 1909, while assembled in annual session with Flint Hill Church.

EDWARD L. REAVES, Moderator.

SAM M. GRIST, Clerk.

Motion made and carried and Oak Grove Baptist Church was duly admitted to this association.

The Moderator recognizes President W. L. Poteat of Wake Forest College, Rev. R. T. Vann of Meredith College and J. S. Porter, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

11:10 A. M. Moderator calls for report on Ministerial Relief and Rev. W. T. Talbirt files the following:

We are under obligations to help the poor who have come to poverty by riotous living and idleness. We cannot turn the tramp away from our doors empty handed, for fear we turn away one of the Lord's poor. Our wornout ministers are a special class of poor who have come to poverty, not through idleness and worthlessness, but through toil and sacrifice for the good of others. Therefore, there rests upon us double obligation to support them, not only as poor, but as a reward for their work.

W. T. TALBIRT.

Report was ably discussed by Rev. W. T. Talbirt.

Rev. Livingston Johnston, by request, made a statement to the Association as to the management of this department. His statement showed that two-thirds of these funds were used for immediate use, that one-third went to the Endowment Fund, and that no one received any salary whatever from the Ministerial Relief Fund.

Report was unanimously adopted.

11:20 A. M. Report on State Missions was called for by the Moderator and S. N. Watson files the following:

Report on State Missions.

State Missions has for its objects the preaching of the gospel to the poor and destitute, assisting weak churches, and the establishment of churches in centers of influence where there is a probability that by and by they will become self-sustaining. This work was begun in this State nearly three-quarters of a century ago. In the beginning it was small, owing to the financial condition of our country and to the fact that the majority of our people were bitterly opposed to the movement, but year by year it has grown until now it has become prominent as one of the most important features of our church work. All over our State today are churches which were founded, and in the first years of their existence, largely sustained by our State Board. In the beginning of the work there were many important towns and large areas of country in which there was no Baptist Church. Today there are but few county-seats, or towns of importance, within the borders of our State, but what have a Baptist Church, and much of the territory which was once destitute through the untiring zeal of our State Secretary and his corps of laborers, has been redeemed and today presents some of our most promising fields of labor. But brethren, while much has been accomplished there is yet much to be done. There are still promising and inviting fields, and some of them in the bounds of our associatin, which should be occupied, still many places of destitution where preaching is seldom, if ever, heard and Sabbath Schools almost unknown These people have souls to save. There are children there who must grow up in ignorance and vice unless we send them the Gospel, will we do it? Will we gather the harvest which God has placed at our very door, or shall we sit with folded hands and see it grow up, ripen and then fall down and be burned with the stubble? Let us brethren, arise, shake off our lethargy and seize the golden opportunities which God is giving us for the building up of his kingdom. The Board needs our help, needs our prayers, needs the means which God has intrusted to our care.

This work cannot be carried on without money any more than you can run your farm or business without it. Then let us obey the divine command and "lay by in store as God has prospered us," and not be satified until a Baptist church is placed in every town, hamlet and community in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. WATSON.

Rev. Watson yields to Rev. Livingston Johnston who makes an interesting and stirring speech from a practical and business like stand point as to State Missions.

Report adopted.

12:30 P. M. Committee on Digest of Church Letters'' makes the following report:

Report on Digest of Church Letters.

The Association opened this year with the largest attendance of any year in its history and reported the fullest representation on the first day in my knowledge of its work. New life seems to have been infused into every department of our work and a wider and deeper interest seems manifest in the work of the association than at any previous time. Still some of our smaller churches seem to be practically dead. Rock Hill has no preaching—no pastor and no Sunday School and often is unheard from. Some others seem to have merely an existence. It is evident our Board needs to provide some assistance or to put new life into these weaker points or they will be a reproach to the Association.

We report this year 346 baptisms against 350 last year, and a net gain of 488 against 383 last year. The letters show we have added 411 by letter, which makes it evident that without these letter additions some of our churches are making very little progress spiritually. 190 baptisms are reported from the Sunday Schools, while some of our largest churches report either none or a very small number from this source. Four churches report a loss in membership, viz.: Cold Water, 1, Friendship 3, Newell 3, Union Grove 9, and First Concord with no gain. The largest net increase in membership is shown to be from the First Church Charlotte with 72, Ninth Avenue 57, West Concord 52, Second Concord 51, Kannapolis 50, North Charlotte 44, Pleasant Plain 37, Pritchard Memorial 36, Louise 32, Arlington 18, Pineville 17, Matthews 12, Chadwick 10.

We report 3708 Sunday School scholars enrolled against 3371 last year—With two churches without letters, Wilson's Grove and Clear Creek, (Clear Creek files letter later) with Cold Water, Rock Hill, Union Grove and Zion reporting no schools—With Huntersvilles in a union school. In our Benevolent work we have made commendable progress.

We have paid this year for Pastor's salaries $9,692.15 against $9824.00 last year. For building and reparirs we have paid this year $32,374.85 as against $18,314.00. For incidentals $2878.61 For missions we have reported in the letters $1205.06 as against $535.03 last year Home Missions $814.51 against $1262.24 last year. For Foreign Missions we have raised this year $2800.82 against $1878.89 last year. For the Orphanage this year $453.00 against $1063.72 last year. It will be seen we have lessened on some of these objects and raised on others. For Sunday School expenses we raised this year $2052.10 against $2100.25 last year. For Sunday School Missions this year $15.81. Ministerial Education $58.80 against $24.65 last year. Old Ministers Relief this year

$40.23 as against $36.36 last year.

The grand total of contributions to all objects is $56,087.05 as against $36,051.00 last year.

Only four of our schools report libraries and they are exceedingly small. Upon the whole the work of the year has been attended with progress and encouragement as five new houses have been built and a sixth will be completed before the close of the year.

S. F. CONRAD, For Committee.

Report discussed by S. F. Conrad and unanimously adopted.

Motion made and caried to rescind action appointing committee to apportion the amount each church should pay for Foreign Missions and leave the same to the "Executive Committee."

Prayer by Dr. R. T. Vann.

12:45 P. M. Upon motion the meeting adjourned to meet at 2:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY P. M.

2:30—Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. K. W. Hogan.

J. H. Brown made an interesting talk on the mission work in the Canary Islands.

3 P. M. The Moderator announced that the hour for the report on Home Missions had arrived, and S. F. Conrad filed the following:

Report on Home Missions.

The Home Mission Board was organized 64 years ago. Since its organization it has done a work with hardly a paralled in this country. Under its work 5917 churches have been organized, and 188,003 have been baptized. The past conventional year 316 new churches were organized, and 24,628 persons were baptized, making an average of 67 for every day in the year. Twenty-two thousand six hundred and sixty persons were added to the churches by letter, making a grand total of 47,297 additions during the year. Nine hundred and fifty-nine Sunday Schools were organized and 368 new houses of worship built. The report of the Home Board was never better and the outlook never more bright with promise and hope than now. It says, "We have come into the open field of opportunity, and the horizon stretches in every direction."

The work of the Home Board appeals to us with more force and power than any work we are doing.

1. It is saving our Southland and preserving intact our foundation principals upon which we have achieved our success and victories in the past.

2. The Home Board work is enlarging our Foreign Mission Work as every church or plant as organized becomes at once a

supporter of Foreign Missions. But it is doing more than this. It is compounding the work of Home Missions, and is multiplying the strength and resources of the Home Mission Board. It is largely those churches which the Home Board has brought into being which now constitute its most valuable assets. The work it has done is its own argument and makes its own appeal to us.

But as miraculous and wonderful as this work is, North Carolina Baptists contributed to it a fraction over eight cents per capita last year. On the monument of Ben Hill in Atlanta, Ga., is this inscription, "He who saves his country saves all things and all things saved bless him. He who lets his country die lets all things die, and all things dying curse him."

Let us at once lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes.

S. F. CONRAD.

Report discussed by Rev. C. E. Madry and by Rev. Kendrick.

Report adopted.

The "Committee to Nominate Executive Committee" makes the following report:

We nominate L. R. Pruett, T. D. Maness, T. J. Renfrow, E. E. Bomar and W. C. Dowd.

S. N. WATSON,
H. H. HULTEN,
W. A. HOUGH.
Committee.

Report unanimously adopted.

Upon motion the Clerks of the various churches are requested to send all contributions for the various objects to the place to which it belongs, and not bring to the Association. (The pastors will please call attention to this suggestion).

S. F. Conrad offers the following resolution:

Resolution.

Whereas, the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association is organized to do the work of our Lord as it is committed to us,

And, whereas, it requires the utilization of both day and night sessions to give any time to the consideration of all the important objects which need to be considered by this body,

And, whereas, before a number of the reports are made and before the work of the association is done many of the delegates leave the body for their homes without leave or license either from the Moderator or the Association,

Therefore, resolved, that we condemn this practice as bad in precedent and in spirit and fraught with harm and damage to the work of our Lord, and that hereafter the delegates who come to represent the churches be requested to stay until the work is done and that the churches be requested to send such brethren as will remain until the work is done.

The same being adopted.

The "Committee to nominate Delegates to State Convention" makes the following report:

We nominate W. C. Dowd, W. P. Campbell, T. D. Maness, K. W. Hogan and J. H Fidler.

Report adopted.

4 o'clock P. M. The chair announced that the ladies representing the Woman's Missionary Society were present and that they would now be heard.

Mrs. C. E. Mason and Miss Eva Liddell addressed the body in the interest of this work. The facts represented showed that in the Baptist churches of North Carolina there are 519 auxilaries of Women's Societies, 138 Young Women's Auxiliaries and 331 Sunbeam Bands, all of which raised a total amount of $9001.00 during the year. These ladies impressed the fact that the Woman's Missionary Society desires the co-operation of the pastors of the various churches with a view of organizing additional societies. Mrs. J. H. Northey being the one in charge of this feature of the work and will visit the different churches when requested to do so.

Report on Temporance called for and W. A. Hough files the following:

Report on Temperance.

In discussing temperance our minds usually center on the drink evil. This, to an extent, at least is misleading and should be corrected. Temperance, strictly speaking, is a moderate use of a lawful thing. In this sense all ought to be temperance. But the use of strong drinks as a beverage is plainly and positively forbidden by the word of God, and, hence cannot be considered as a temperance question. It is purely a question of right or wrong The evils of strong drink are so many and so great that all can see and know them. Almost every man, woman and child has suffered either directly or indirectly from this evil. Its hurtful touch is felt everywhere.

To indulge in the use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, to the least degree is a violation of God's law, for it teaches us to avoid the very appearance of evil. Anything that produces evil, and evil only, must of necessity be evil in itself. The Master teaches us to judge a tree by its fruits.

But the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages are now forbidden by the laws of our State, and it only remains for us as Christians and loyal citizens to stand firm by the enacted laws and aid and assist in its execution.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HOUGH.

Report adopted.

The "Finance Committee" files the following report:

Report on Finance Committee.

Your Finance Committee makes the following report,

Minute Fund	$ 23.15
State Msissions	58.87
Home Missions	37.20
Foreign Missions	16.45
Sunday Shool Missions	4.00
Orphanage	17.00
Ministral Education	4.82
Aged Ministers	11.50
Total	$175.99

D. M. AUSTIN, Chairman.

Report adopted.

The "Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention makes the following report:

Delegate, Dr. H. H. Hulten,

Alternate, Rev. L. R. Pruett.

Report adopted.

The Moderator announced the following program for the next Association:

To make report on State Missions, Rev. W. P. Campbell.

To make report on Foreign Missions, Rev. L. R. Pruett.

To make report on Home Missions, Dr. E. E. Bomar.

To make report on Orphanage, Rev. S. N. Watson.

To make report on Periodicals, Rev. J. E. M. Davenport.

To make report on Sunday Schools, W. F. Dowd.

To make report on Education, K. W. Hogan.

To make report on Temperance, Rev. S. F. Conrad.

The "Committee on Time, Place and Preacher" files the following report:

Place, Independence Hill.

Time, Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, 1910, beginning at 10:30 A. M.

Preacher, Rev. W. P. Campbell.

Alternate, Rev. K. W. Hogan.

Report adopted.

5:30 P. M. Meeting adjourns to meet at 7:45.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7:45 P. M. Devotional Exercises conducted by Rev. D. M. Austin.

8 P. M. The Moderator announced that the time had arrived for report on Foreign Missions, and Dr. Hulten files the following report:

Foreign Mission Report.

Since ignorance is so often the cause of indifference, and since

information is so often the source of interest and inspiration, the Foreign Mission Board has sent out the following facts and figures which we embody in this report. We earnestly ask that our association prayerfully consider these things.

Workers and Equipment.

There were sent out during last year twenty-one new missionaries. We have now on the field 231 missionaries and 375 native helpers, making a total of 606 workers.

There were 259 churches and 559 out-stations, with a total membership of 16,596. There are 162 houses of worship; 325 Sunday Schools with a total of 10,430 scholars. These churches with the missionaries contributed last year $40,287. There are 128 day schools with 3,269 scholars; nine boys' boarding schools with 428 scholars, and thirteen girls' boarding with 586 scholars; two colleges with 100 students; four women's training schools with 37 students, and eight theological training schools with 176 students.

Methods of Work.

Of course the main thing is the preaching of the gospel, and all that is done is aimed directly towards reaching the people with the gospel. There are some valuable aids to the work of evangelization which experience has taught our missionaries to use.

One important aid is the work of teaching. All of our schools, even those in which elementary branches are taught, have in view the training of native workers. We do not find in foreign lands as in this country, material already prepared for our training schools and seminaries. Moreover we can not afford to put the children of native Christians into unchistian schools. More and more the work of teaching will have to be carried on along with the preaching of the gospel.

Another feature of the work is our Medical Missions. We have thirteen medical missionaries, three hospitals, eleven dispensaries with a total number of patients last year of 42,659. All of these patients, with their friends and relatives, heard the gospel before they received treatment.

The printing press, also, is used for the spread of the truth. We have four excellent printing plants, which sent out during the year hundreds of thousands of religious tracts, periodicals, books and Bibles in the languages of the various countries. The colporter often accompanies the missionary, and sometimes goes into distant places which the missionary does not reach.

One of the results of these labors was the baptism of 2,905 converts last year, but the largest results, due to the leavening power of the gospel among the people, can not be tabulated.

There were 11,178 contributing churches last year, and 10,118 churches which did not give anything to the cause; in other words, nearly half of our churches did not contribute anything to foreign

missions. This large number of non-contributing churches, together with many more that gave very little, reduces the average gift to 22 cents per member. While the average has increased in the last ten years from 7 cents per member to 22 cents, our giving is still pitifully small compared with what it ought to be, in view of our resources, the needs of a lost world and the Savior's sacrificial love.

Respectfully,
H. H. HULTEN.

The report was discussed by Rev. J. S. Porter, Secretary of Foreign Mission Board in a masterful address on the great work which he represents and with which he is thoroughly in touch.

Report was unanimously adopted.

8:45 P. M. Report of Education was called for and L. R. Pruett filed the same as follows:

Report on Education.

Education is power. It is a power that brings things to pass, either for good or for bad. It is a power which observes, judges, expresses and appreciates. Such a power should be turned into the one supreme end and purpose of service to God and man. Every educated man or woman has cost something and should be made to render a service commensurate with the outlay of time and means.

A well constructed and costly instrument, such as a watch or a locomotive should be made to justify its cost in the service rendered. Some one has said: "An educated mind is the most complicated and costly mechanism we know, and it must justify itself in work done. It is deep selfishness and sin for one to acquire an education that equips him with large powers and then to let them rust in idleness or pervert them to many ends. An educated man is just that much more of a man and should do just that much more for the welfare of his fellowmen and for the glory of God. This is the chief end of education, and all its powers should shine as stars in this crown."

With this definition and description of educattion, we may consider the central plants in the State, from which radiate the beauty, the light, the power and the glory of education.

There are several High Schools in the State under Baptist control, which are centers of power for the elevation and culture of our boys and girls. Some of our strongest and most useful men and women come from these schools, who never go further into College or University. This fact shows the work done by these institutions and the important place they occupy in the educational world. The Baptists of the State should send their boys and girls to these schools, for many of them will never go to the college or to the University, and here is the place to prepare for the higher schools and for greater achievements in education.

Wake Forest stands today without a superior in the South; and with her 350 or 400 young men, with her increasing Endowment Fund and with her strong Faculty and superb buildings, she is indeed a great factor in the training and the making of the men who go forth to bless the world. There are between 50 and 100 young men there, who are preparing themselves for the ministry, the larger per cent of whom are poor and must have the aid of the Education Board. We, therefore, call the attention of the churches of this Association to the importance of contributing to the work of this Board. About 60 young men were aided last year.

Our college for the education of our girls is located in the heart of Raleigh, and stands at the head of the list of colleges of the country. The name "Baptist University for Women" has been appropriately and permanently changed to "Meredith" in honor of the first editor of the Biblical Recorder. This was a wise change. There were nearly 400 girls who attended this college last year, and if this institution had an endowment of at least $100,000. with her wise and devout President and scholarly Faculty, her efficiency would be greatly increased. May it soon be thought advisable to launch the measure of an Endowment Fund.

L. R. PRUETT.

The report on Education was discussed by Dr. R. T. Vann and President W. L. Poteat, both of whom made an excellent address.

10:15 P. M. The Moderator announced that the session of the twenty-fourth Anual Session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association had been completed, and a motion was made and carried to adjourn to meet as per previous announcement. After song, "Blest be the Tie That Binds," and benediction, the Association closed.

W. C. DOWD, Moderator.
T. D. MANESS, Clerk.

P. S.—For Financial Statement Statistical Table and Sunday School Table reported in letters, see statements hereafter attached. For apportionments recommended to the various churches for the different objects, see table hereafter attached.

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(5) Appointment of standing committees.
(6) Report of special committees.
(7) Reports of standing committees.
(8) Reports of other committees.
(9) Miscellaneous business.

10. Order of business to be printed on front inside page as well as here.

REV. L. R. PRUETT,
REV. D. M. AUSTIN,
REV. S. F. CONRAD.
Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT---TAKEN FROM LETTERS

Churches.	Pastor's Salary	Incidentals	Building and Repairing.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Sunday School	Poor Fund	Old Ministers Relief.	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	Colportage	Grand Total
Arlington	$ 114 00	$ 96.71	$ 1.50	$	$	$ 5.00	$ 7.50	$	$ 20.72	$ 6.10	$	$	$	$	$ 251.55
Clear Creek	75.00			15.00	4.00	3.00	6 82		5.00		1.00		2.00		111.82
Cold Water				6.00	5.00	3.00	5.00	1.00			1.00				21.00
Cornelius	275.00	34.66	305.00	25.00	7.50	5.00	17.00	1 00	20.00		2.00		17.00	4.00	713.16
Chadwick	400.00	10.00	4.25	10.00	6.30	10.00	10.00		30.00	6 00					917.30
First Church, Charlotte	3,833.34	2,741.31	26,547.37	647.75	530.24	2,326.26	64.54	200.00	1,000.00	160.00		500.00			38,550.81
First Church, Concord	900.00	270.80	8.50	62.00	25.00	25.00	81.11	5.00	251.76	18.00	5.00		19.00		1,670.17
Second Church, Concord	650.00	55.25	1,107.01	25.00	10.00	22.67	15.00	4.25	132.61		2.50		55.80		2,080.09
West Concord	120.67	91.79	352.44	18.25	7.00	6.00	6.50		48.32	10.00	4.00				664.97
Friendship	75.00		22.50	23 00	10.55	14.75	12.50	3.50	11 55		1.00	.75			175.10
Huntersville	30.00	2.00		6.00	1.80		2.00						5.00		46.80
Independence Hill	135.00	4 00		15.00	5 00	6.00	8.00	1.00	4.00		1.00		10 00		190.00
Kannapolis	150.00	19.22		4.90	1.70	1.75	6 62		15.00				69.32		267.51
Louise	700.00	221.50	332.16	41.38	9.00	37 05	46.30	5.00	96.11	28.61	5.91		5.30		1,528.32
Long Creek	100.00	84.33	46.00	1 00	2.00		1 00		8.30						242.63
Matthews	400.00	83.00	200.00	26,00	7.00	10.00	15.00		55.00	5.00	7.00				808.00
Newell	50.00	1.50		6.50	3.00	4.00	2.50			1.95			8.00		77.45
Ninth Avenue, Charlotte	1,102.04	664.40	541.00	58 30	40.00	40.00	92.55	5.00	141.46		6.00	10.00	35.70		2,736.42
North Charlotte	156.10	36.57	2,411.52	21.00	5.00	5,00	5.00	1.00	56.94		1.00				2.703 44
*Oak Grove															
Pineville	187.77	58.92	59.30	11.00	8.50	9.75	23.34	1.00	56.37		5.00		2.00		422.95
Pleasant Plain	200.00	70.60		17.00	6.00	5 00	11.00	1 00	27.20		3.00				340 80
Pritchard Memorial	1,650.00	485.70	53.85	163.98	119.91	256.59	40 81	6 55	178.50	35.00			56.50		3 047.39
Rock Hill															
Union Grove	60.00			6.00	2 00	2.00	3.00	1.00			.82				74.82
Wilson's Grove	80.00		700.00	10.00					3.00				1.00		794.00
Totals	$ 11,443.92	$ 5,032.26	$ 32,692.40	$ 1,219.12	$816 50	$ 2 797.82	$483.06	236.30	$ 2,161.86	$270.66	$46.23	$510 75	$286 62	$4 00	$ 58,859.50

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STATISTICAL TABLE---REPORTED IN LETTERS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Gained.	Lost.	Male Members.	Female Membership.	Total Membership
Arlington	C. H. Martin, Polkton	W. A. Connell, R. F, D. 11, Charlotte	27	----	4	31	6	7	--	13	18	----	137	147	284
Clear Creek	C. H. Martin, Polkton	I. S. Pigg, R. F. D., Unionville	3	2	1	6	3	3	1	7	----	1	45	66	111
Cold Water	S. N. Watson, Concord	J. W. Connell, Concord	2	1	--	3	4	--	--	4	----	1	25	29	54
Cornelius	W. A. Hough, Cornelius	R. D. Mooney, Davidson	2	1	--	3	5	1	--	6	----	3	48	57	105
Chadwick	W. L. Barrs, Charlotte	C. C. Ingle, Charlotte	16	20	--	36	23	3	--	26	10	----	27	65	92
First Church, Charlotte	H. H. Hulten, Charlotte	J. A. Durham, Charlotte	16	84	11	111	33	--	6	39	72	----	----	----	819
First Church, Concord	S. N. Watson, Concord	H. C. Herring, Concord	10	14	2	26	20	4	2	26	----	----	90	152	242
Second Church, Concord	D. F. Helms, Concord	S. B. Hagler, Concord	26	43	2	71	14	5	1	20	51	----	81	122	203
West Concord	J. W. Snyder, Concord	W. F. Stegall, Concord	31	34	--	65	13	--	--	13	52	----	57	71	128
Friendship	K. W. Hogan, Pineville	C. Garrison, R. F. D 12, Charlotte	1	2	--	3	2	--	4	6	----	3	13	22	35
Huntersville	W. A Hough, Cornelius	S. L. Mullen, Huntersville	----	----	--	----	----	--	--	----	----	----	12	14	26
Independence Hill	W. A. Hough, Cornelius	C. S. Davis, R. F. D. 7, Charlotte	6	6	--	12	----	--	--	----	12	----	23	50	73
Kannapolis	J. L. Kirk, Kannapolis	S. T. Reader, Kannapolis	17	38	--	55	----	--	--	----	----	----	27	34	61
Louise	W. P. Campbell, Charlotte	Josiah Allen, Charlotte	39	34	1	74	35	2	5	42	32	----	94	142	236
Long Creek	W. L. Barrs, Charlotte	J. S. Underwood, Paw Creek	----	----	--	----	----	--	--	----	----	----	22	27	49
Matthews	J. E M. Davenport, Matthews	W. L. Hatfield, Matthews	16	6	--	22	11	--	1	12	10	----	57	71	128
Newell	J. L. Kirk, Kannapolis	W. C. Sutton, Newell	3	----	--	3	5	--	--	5	----	2	11	15	26
Ninth Avenue, Charlotte	L. R. Pruett, Charlotte	J. H. Fiddler, Charlotte	42	45	3	90	30	1	2	33	57	----	155	279	434
North Charlotte	S. F. Conrad, Charlotte	J. D. Turner, North Charlotte	28	31	5	64	16	1	2	19	45	----	42	90	132
*Oak Grove	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Pineville	K. W. Hogan, Pineville	C. J. Price, Matthews	13	13	2	28	5	3	3	11	17	----	33	63	96
Pleasant Plain	J. E. M. Davenport, Matthews	J. E. Brown, Matthews	33	9	--	42	5	--	--	5	37	----	48	74	122
Pritchard Memorial	E. F. Bomar, Charlotte	J. J. Ezell, Charlotte	16	29	3	48	10	--	2	12	36	----	80	153	233
Rock Hill	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	15	21	36
Union Grove	W. A. Hough, Cornelius	H. Hastings, Huntersville	3	1	1	5	2	12	--	14	----	9	13	10	23
Wilson Grove	C. H. Martin, Polkton	W. G. Stegall, R. F. D, 9, Charlotte	1	1	--	2	2	--	--	2	----	----	28	55	83
		Totals	361	414	35	800	244	42	29	315	449	19	1183	1829	3831

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Churches.	Superintendent's Addresses.	Secretaries and Addresses.	No. Officers and Teache	No. of Scholars.	Total.	Average Attendance	Baptized from Schol	Quarterlies and Papers	No. Schools	Months Ke Open.
Arlington	A. R. Hartis, rfd 11, Charlotte	L. J. Mullis, rfd 11, Charlotte	9	150	159	74	17	172	1	12
Clear Creek	H. W. Pigg, Unionville	S. J. Estridge, rfd 11, Charlotte	7	95	102	----	3	325	1	9
Cold Water										
Cornelius	R. D. Mooney, Davidson	R. Hudspeth, Mt. Mourne	9	87	96	65	2	100	1	12
Chadwick	W. A. Parker, Charlotte	S. M. Thomas, Charlotte	10	155	165	90	10	80	1	12
First Church, Charlotte	T. S. Franklin, Charlotte	R. F. Zickler, Charlotte	47	1000	1047	433	----	2000	1	12
First Church, Concord	T. D. Maness, Concord	Floyd Corzine, Concord	14	246	260	169	----	60	2	12
Second Church, Concord	B. B. Howard, Concord	F. J. Mills, Concord	10	194	204	110	5	190	1	12
West Concord	W. F. Stegall, Concord	H. F. Elliott, Concord	7	200	207	90	15	190	1	12
Friendship	C. Garrison, rfd 12, Charlotte	L. W. Walker, rfd 4, Charlotte	5	15	20	20	1	80	1	12
Huntersville										
Independence Hill	H. B. Blackman, Huntersville	C. F. Davis, rfd 7, Charlotte	4	45	49	35	4	50	1	9
Kannapolis	J. A. Combs, Kannapolis	C. W. Wright, Kannapolis	9	202	211	79	7	126	1	12
Louise	M. J. Green, Charlotte	J. H. Allen, Charlotte	14	139	153	111	25	460	1	12
Long Creek	R. F. Beaty, Paw Creek	R. S. Underwood, Paw Creek	4	35	39	29	----	62	1	12
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	E. A. Funderburk, Matthews	10	100	110	60	11	175	1	12
Newell										
Ninth Ave., Charlotte	F. S. Conrad, Charlotte	J. H. Fiddler, Charlotte	17	350	367	195	33	500	1	12
North Charlotte	B. F. Cato, North Charlotte	G. P. Honeycutt, North Charlotte	8	232	240	102	24	300	1	12
*Oak Grove										
Pineville	J. E. McClure, Pineville	Miss M. Culp, Pineville	15	83	98	65	5	83	1	12
Pleasant Plain	W. S. Paxton, Matthews	J. E. Broom, Matthews	7	60	67	40	20	90	1	12
Pritchard Memorial	W. F. Dowd, Charlotte	F. D. Letheo, Charlotte	12	204	214	118	11	200	1	12
Rock Hill										
Union Grove										
Wilson's Grove	J. M. Hough, Matthews	A. Small, rfd 9, Charlotte	7	74	81	50	----	10	1	9
			225	3666	3889	1935	193	5253	21	231

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Apportionments Recommended for this Associational Year.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Relief.	Ministerial Education.	Sunday School Missions.	Orphanage.
Arlington	$ 5	$ 7	$ 7	$ 2	$ 3	$ 5	$ 10
Clear Creek	5	14	5	1	1	2	10
Cold Water	5	6	3	1	1	1	5
Cornelius	10	30	15	2	3	2	17
Chadwick	10	10	10	3	5	2	10
First Church, Charlotte	750	750	1000	10	30	10	250
First Church, Concord	30	65	35	5	5	3	75
Second Church, Concord	10	25	1 5	3	5	3	15
West Concord	6	12	7	2	2	2	15
Friendship	5	20	15	1	1	1	10
Huntersville	3	6	3	1	1	1	3
Independence Hill	5	15	6	1	2	1	10
Kannapolis	3	4	5	1	1	1	5
Louise	8	50	34	12	7	4	50
Long Creek	4	10	4	1	1	1	3
Matthews	10	25	10	2	5	2	15
Newell	4	10	5	1	2	1	8
Ninth Avenue, Charlotte	50	60	50	5	5	5	85
North Charlotte	5	20	5	1	1	1	5
Oak Grove	20	25	25	5	5	2	20
Pineville	5	12	10	3	3	1	20
Pleasant Plain	6	17	5	3	1	----	11
Pritchard Memorial	100	125	225	5	20	10	50
Rock Hill	3	6	3	1	2	1	5
Union Grove	2	2	2	1	1	1	3
Wilson's Grove	2	5	3	1	1	1	3
Totals	$1066	$1331	$1507	$74	$114	$64	$713



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Crofts, N. C.

SEPTEMBER 13TH AND 14TH. 1910.

The next session will be held with Pineville Baptist Church, on Wednesday before the third Sunlay in September, 1911, beginning at 10:30 a. m. Introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. S. N. Watson, of Concord, N. C.; alternate, Rev. D. M. Austin, Charlotte, N. C.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Austin, Rev. D. M. . . . . Charlotte, N. C.

Adams, Rev. J. Q. . . . . Charlotte, N. C.

Bomas, Dr. E. E. . . . . Charlotte, N. C.

Conrad, Rev. S. F. . . . . Charlotte, N. C.

Caudle, Rev. . . . . Charlotte, N. C.

Davenport, Rev. J. E. M. . . . . Matthews, N. C.

Flanders, Rev. W. N. . . . . Hendersonville, N. C.

Gillespie, Rev. J C. . . . . Charlotte, N. C.

Hulten, Dr. H. H. . . . . Charlotte, N. C.

Hogan, Rev. K. W. . . . . Charlotte, N. C.

Helms, Rev. Dr. D. F. . . . . Concord, N. C.

Hough, Rev. W. A. . . . . Cornelius, N. C.

Pruett, Rev. L. R. . . . . Charlotte, N. C.

Snyder, Rev. J. W. . . . . Concord, N. C.

Watson, Rev. S. N. . . . . Concord, N. C.

Talbert, Rev. W. T. . . . . Concord, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Rev. L. R. Pruett, Rev. E. E. Bomar, T. D. Maness, T. J Renfrow and W. C Dowd

Clerk of Association.

Rev. S. F. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C.

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12. The general order of business shall be:

(1) Enrollment of delegates.
(2) Election of officers.
(3) Petitionary letters.
(4) Appointment of Committees for this session.
(5) Appointment of standing committees.
(6) Report of special committees.
(7) Reports of stading committees.
(8) Report of other committees.
(9) Miscellaneous business.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

TO PREPARE REPORTS.

State Missions .. .. Rev. K. W. Hogan.

Home Missions .. .. Rev. S. N. Watson.

Foreign Missions .. .. Dr. H. H. Hulten.

Orphanage .. .. Rev. L. R. Pruett.

Periodicals .. .. Rev. D. F. Helms.

Sunday Schools .. .. Dr. E. E. Bomar.

Education .. .. Rev. J. E. M. Davenport.

Temperance .. .. Rev. S. F. Conrad.

Brethren, write your reports beforehand, and put in them such information as will be worthy of the cause, and do not leave them to be written at haphazard on the leaf of a minute or scribbled in an almost illegible hand. Typewrite them and they will not need to be rewritten for printing.

S. F. C., Clerk.

Report of the Association

The Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association met in its 25th annual session with Independence Hill Baptist Church on Tuesday, September 13th, 1910. The session was opened with prayer, led by J. J. Ezell. In the absence of the appointee to preach the introductory sermon the body requested Dr. H. H. Hulten, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte, to preach it, which he did, taking for his subject, "Prayer In Its Relation to the Spiritual Growth and Advancement of the Kingdom of God." The sermon was heard with deep interest and undivided attention, and delivered with much pathos and power.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, W. C. Dowd. In the absence of the Clerk, Brother D. W. Fink was asked to act as Clerk Pro-Tem

The following churches, comprising the Association, responded to the call of their names, with letters and delegates as follows:

Arlington—Eli Hinson, Milus Medlin.

Clear Creek—H. W. Pigg, L. S. Pigg.

Cornelius—J. Money, T. B. White and Geo. Sweet.

Chadwick—J. L. Blackburn and C. A. Padget.

First Church, Charlotte—Dr. H. H. Hulten, W. C. Dowd, L. L. Hackney, J. A. Durham and J. F. Mosteller.

First Church, Concord—G. T. Barnhart and Rev. S. N. Watson.

MGill Street Church, Concord—E. J. Parnell, B. T. Funderburk, William Perry, W. S. White and Rev. D. F. Helms.

West Concord—W. F. Stegall, G. M. Green, A. D. Crisco, Rev. J. W. Snyder, G. A. Misenheimer and W C Johnson

Huntersville—Rev. W. A. Hough.

Independence Hill—J. R. McCurdy, J. R. Adkins, J. L. Phillips and W. F. Baety.

Kannapolis—H. C. Erwin and Rev. W. T. Talbert.

Louise—Rev J. C. Gillespie and E. C. McAlpine.

Matthews—T. A. Newell.

Ninth Avenue, Charlotte—Rev. L. R. Pruett, D. W. Fink and R. J. Boyd.

North Charlotte—Rev. S. F. Conrad, J. W. Gaddy and J. F. Turner.

Oak Grove—J. P. Stroup and S. M. Garrison.

Pleasant Plains—J. J. McLendon, H. L. Helms and L. L. Paxton.

Pritchard Memorial—Dr. E. E. Bomar, Rev. D. M. Austin, W. F. Dowd and J. J. Ezell.

Wilson Grove—W. R. Small.

Later in the session letters with delegates from the following churches were handed in:

Cold Water—J. W. Connell, D. M. McDonald and J. T. Barnhardt.

Friendship—Covington Garrison.

Huntersville—Rev. W. A. Hough.

Union Grove—By letter, but no delegate.

Pineville—C. J. Price, J. E. McClure and H. M. Stroup.

The Association was then declared organized and ready for the election of officers and the transaction of business.

On motion of Rev. S. F. Conrad, W. C. Dowd, the former Moderator, wa selected by acclamation.

On motion Dr. E. E. Bomar, Rev. S. F. Conrad was elected Clerk.

On motion D. W. Fink, the former Treasurer, was re-elected.

The Moderator then appointed Rev. W. A. Hough, Dr. H. H. Hulten and Rev. J. W. Snyder to report on the order of business.

The Moderator then recognized as visitors John E. Ray, of Raleigh, the President of the Board of Missions, and G. E. Lineberry, the Educational Secretary of the Baptist Convention, and Rev. J. L. Ehrlick, a converted Jew, who were welcomed to seats in the body.

The Association then adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Devotional exercises were led by Rev. J. C. Gillespie. Committee on Order of Business made a partial report as follows: Home Missions, report by Dr. E. E. Bomar. Report on Sunday Schools, W. F. Dowd. Re port on Periodicals, Rev. A. L. Betts.

Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. J. L. Erhlich, converted Jew.

Report On Home Missions.

After his resurrection and before his ascension our Lord announced his program of missions. It was:

'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth (Math. 28: 19-20). Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15), beginning at Jerusalem (Luke 24:47); and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

The scheme of missions outlined by the Savior took in the entire world. But the nature of the case, as well as his command and the apostolic example, made the world vision include the lost who were near, as well as those who were far away, and made it of first importance. Peter and John of the Apostles, who received the Commission, healed the man lame at the temple gates.

The lame man of today sits at the gate of every church. The Jerusalem church was overwhelmingly successful in interpreting the gospel to its own community. Having the purpose and power to save those around it, it had the spirit that naturally and necessarily sends forth wholesome streams of saving truth to the dark places beyond.

Our Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria are in the United States. Ar e we doing our part to take and keep our country for Christ?

Out of 90,000,000 population in the United States, theer are only about 20,000,000 members of evangelical denominations. Are we not too much neglecting our Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria?

Have our churches the unselfish Christian love and consecration to take hold of the crying needs of the submerged and neglected on the one hand, and of the pleasure seekers and mony-mad on the other? The world is asking whether we have a gospel that is strong enough to command the hearts and lives of the sin-buffeted men, and bring the harmony of love where now abides the discord of hate and selfish greed.

Alien immigrants flock to our shores at the rate of a million a year, and perhaps two million more of our own people each year are uprooted from their own environment and brought together in new relations in new towns and on the frontier. In these people-movements is at once a great problem and an unvoiced cry that ascends up before God for a gospel that will bring order out of chaos and replace the selfish hardness and barrenness of sin with good citizenship and brotherly love.

The Christian denominations of America are awakening to the magnitude of these problems and others not here mentioned. They are turning with an encouraging unanimity to Home Missions as the means whereby such problems must be solved.

Southern Baptists must take a large part in saving the lost of America. We hold the gospel in its purity. Since we have so much to give in making good Americans, while at the same time we make Christians, we are under the deeper obligation to do large things. Because we are more numerous than any other Christian body in the South, our obligation is greater than any other.

God has blessed the labors of the missionaries of our Home Board to far larger fruitage than that shown by the reports of similar Mission Boards.

The Board last year reported 27,426 baptisms and 52,910 additions to churches through the labors of missionaries supported wholly or in part by it. No Mission Board in the world has reported results one-half as large as these. No Home Mission Board in America, so far as we can find, had results more than one-third as large, though several expended four times as much in the work.

Our people are becoming aroused to the large importance of Home Missions, and each year the Home Board receipts are larger. This yearthe Southern Baptist Convention is asking $400,000 to be arised for the work of the Home Board. Of this amount $26,000 is apportioned to our State, and our own Association should raise the amount apportioned by the Executive Committee. We ought to raise every cent of it and more. We are well able to rais it. By the blessing of God shall we not say, "We will raise it!"

Your Committee recommends:

1. That this body provide for the apportioning of the amount our association is to raise among the churches.

2. That our pastors be requested to make an earnest effort at least once during the year to preach a special sermon on Home Missions, and the magnitude and importance of the problems involved.

3. That each of our churches during the year make at least one liberal offering for this work.

4. That a club of subscribers be raised in each church for the Home Field, the unusually attractive and illuminating monthly magazine of the Home Board.

5. That churches and pastors be encouraged to make a large use of the Home Board's informing tracts and sample copies of the Home Field, both of which are free for the asking.

The address of the Home Mission Board is No. 723 Austell Building, Atlanta, Ga.

E. E. BOMAR,
For the Committee.

Report was read and discussed by Dr. E. E. Bomar, and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools.

The importance of the Sunday School work is recognized universally, not only by the pastor and church member, but by the public at large, so much so that the Daily Press, almost without exception, publishes the Sunday School Lesson from week to week. In the borders of our own Association, the work shows steady progress—the increase in membership as shown by letters at the last Association being most gratifying. Last year's report showing a total membership in the Sunday School in the Association of 3,889, as against a total church membership of 3,831 or a larger number engaged in Sunday School work by 58. And yet no phase of Christian work offers better opportunity for developing the individual Christian and, subsequently, the building of stronger and more useful Christians.

In our modern day of neglected Bible reading in the home, the Sunday School is doing a great and glorious work.

While many of our schools in the country are necessarily small,

we have in our Association next to the largest school in the State —that of the First Church of Charlotte—having an enrolled membership of some 1,043.

As an agency for the preservation of the Sabbath day, the Sunday School has no equal, not to speak of its educational benefits.

It is a signal fact that of the new membership reported in churches that the larger portion of same comes direct from the Sunday School.

What an opportunity then is afforded the teacher in reaching the pupil and training them for the Kingdom. Surely, if we would be co-workers with the Master, we will enlist in the Sunday School and do our very best work.

W. F. DOWD.

The report was read by Mr. W. F. Dowd and discussed by John E Ray, of Raleigh; W. C. Dowd, S. F. Conrad and J. L. Erlick. On motion it was adopted.

Periodicals.

There was no report and the subject was discussed by Rev. L. R. Pruett, S. F. Conrad and Rev. A. L. Betts, the field agent of the Recorder.

Committees to Report.

To report on Digest of Church Letters the Moderator appointed Rev. S. F. Conrad, L. R. Pruett and S. N. Watson.

Finance Committee—J. P. Stroup, L. S. Pigg and J. J. Ezell.

Committee to Nominate Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—S. N. Watson, M. J. Green and L. R. Pruett.

Committee to Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention—J. W. Snyder, D. W. Fink and W. R. Small.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for Next Session of the Association—W. F. Dowd, D. F. Helms and J. C. Gillespie.

Association then adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.

Association met at 9:30 and was led in devotional exercises by Rev. W. T. Talbirt.

Association was then called to order and the minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Dr. E. E. Bomar then offered a resolution: That a committee be appointed to take in consideration the Laymen's Movement and

to report at the next session of the Association a program of work. Resolution adopted.

The Moderator then appointed J. A. Durham, W. F. Dowd and W. J. Fite.

Dr. H. H. Hulten, for committee, reported for further order of business as follows: Report on Temperance, S. F. Conrad. Report on Education, K. W. Hogan. Associational Missions, by Executive Committee.

Report on Temperance.

Report not being ready, it was discussed by S. F. Conrad and the report adopted afterward as follows:

The fight against the legalized sale of liquor is on to a finish. The time is rapidly coming when the National government will be forced by the rising sentiment to take steps to suppress the liquor traffic and to enact laws to protect the States in their rights and to refuse to issue a license by the National government in opposition to the action of the people of a sovereign State. The representatives in Congress from the States will demand that the States be respected in their rights. We rejoice that the onward march against the licensed saloon is going steadily on and that it is evident that the question is now attracting public attention from the standpoint that the liquor traffic is becoming a menace by seeking to control legislation in its interest. We believe that the time has now come when we need to turn our attention to law enforcement and the suppression of the tendencies to bring the cause of prohibition into disrepute. We find we are confronted now in this county with an open Sabbath desecration with which we have not had to deal heretofore. In view of which we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we, as a body of Christians, representing about four thousand members with 18 of the 26 churches of the Association in Mecklenburg County, do hereby express our conviction and unmeasured condemnation of the open Sabbath desecration which is now going on at Lakewood Park, in this county. As we are credibly informed, articles for sale, places of amusement and near-beer saloons are being run without molestation by the officers of the law, and has become a menace to our homes and an open door of temptation, vice and crime to the boys and girls of our community.

Resolved, further, That we do hereby appeal to our solicitor and sheriff to take active steps in the suppression of these things, and the enforcement of the laws for the protection of our homes. We also appeal to our legislature through the representatives which may be chosen from the counties of this Association to see to it that such laws may be enacted as will protect our Sabbath

and abolish the license of the near-beer traffic in the state, and that a copy of these resolutions be placed in the hands of the sheriffs of these counties and the solicitor of our court, and also in the hands of the representaives of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties in our next legislature.

S. F. CONRAD,
Committee on Report.

Report on Education.

Education has been defined as being not so much the communication of knowledge as the discipline of the intellect, establishment of principles, regulation of the heart. Education then, I take it, is the drawing out and the developing of the latent powers of an individual. Now the powers of an individual may be many and extend in different lines of service—mechanical powers, commercial powers, professional powers. That education which seeks to strengthen the earning power only is incomplete. One may have been trained in the laws governing mechanics; one may have been trained in the laws governing commerce; one may have been trained in the laws regulating his chosen profession so that he can meditate upon these day and night; but unless he can say, with the sweet singer of Israel and the more brilliant thinker, "In the law of Jehovah do I meditate day and night," his education is incomplete. He has neglected that which is of paramount importance—the Spiritual part of his being.

Education then, to be complete, must be coupled with Christianity. Christian education then, we conclude, is the only complete education. Christ enthroned in the heart makes the individual a Christian, and Christ enthroned in education makes it Christian.

For this complete or Christian education of our boys and girls we have two well equipped colleges and numerous high schools, dotting almost all sections of our commonwealth.

Under the wise leadership of Prof. G. E. Lineberry, our Educational Secretary, these high schools are growing in extent of usefulness and power, and will soon bear richer and more abundant fruit in the effiicent service of the young men and women of our State. These schools are to be commended for the high grade of work which they are doing.

Wake Forest College stands in the midst of a prosperous section of country, well equipped for the work that she is doing. Her faculty is unsurpassed; her students are many; her buildings are superb; her campus beautiful; her class rooms, laboratories, and society halls are commodious. Wake Forest stands today without a superior in the South. She has within her walls, this year, about four hundred young men worshipping at her shrine, and drinking

from her fountains of knowledge. About seventy-five of the woung men there are called of God to preach the Gospel. Therefore the duty of the churches to stand by the institution, and especially the Board of Education which makes it possible for most of these young men to secure a college eduaction.

At the mention of Meredith our minds go back to 1833, but I would remind you, brethren, of the fact that the man of 1833 has grown into larger proportions through the years, and today stands in our midst represented by one of the greatest and best institutions on earth—Meredith College. This colleg for girls is locatd in the heart of Raleigh. In December next we are to launch a campaign for the purpose of raising one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the larger endowment of Meredith. Dr. R. T. Vann, our much-beloved president, rightly says, "A number of our brethren and sisters must give largely, and the mass of our people must come to the help of those who lead, and come in the spirit of real sacrifice." Bretheren, it is our imperative duty to see to it that this Endowment Fund is speedily raised.

Our high schools and colleges should receive the most hearty and cordial support in the power of our people to give. If we are to make progress and be able to combat the educational problems of the future, it is of supreme importance that we uphold these institutions with our money and not less with our girls and boys. The eduaction ot the masses becomes more complex with each succeeding influx of immigrants. If we are to save the day of heated battle we must arise to action now. Prepare for war in times of peace and so preserve the peace and ahppiness of a properly educated people should be our slogan.

We recommend that this body, the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association, heartily endorse the Associational High Schools around us.

The report was read by K. W. Hogan and discussed by G. E. Lineberry, Educational Secretary of the Convention, in a speech of great force and power; also by Archibald Johnson, L. R. Pruett, L. Johnson, D. M. Austin and S. F. Conrad.

Report adopted.

Report on Orphanage.

The Thomasville Orphanage holds a high place in the esteem and affection of the Baptists of North Carolina. Under the conservative and efficient management of Superintendent Kestler, ably assisted by officers, teachers and matrons, it has grown until it now clothes and supports about four hundred boys and girls, between the ages of four and sixteen years.

In addition to the training given in school, which equals that

given in the average town graded school, the girls are taught to sew, cook and do house work; the boys to milk, print and work on the farm. Thus are our wards being prepared head and hand for successful business careers, and at the same time they are being trained for usefulness in our churches.

As the institution has no endowment and is entirely dependent upon the Baptists of North Carolina for its support and maintenance, we would urge upon the pastor and Sunday School superintendents, the importance of keeping its needs before the people. The school or church which works for a good cause helps itself more than the cause it seeks to bless.

The Orphanage appeals to every one of our Baptist people. The orphan children at Thomasville Orphanage are the charge of the Baptists of North Carolina, God's own people. They care for them in His name, not from compulsion, but because of the love they have for these little ones.

Charity and Children, a weekly paper, ably edited by Mr. Johnson, and printed by the Orphanage, is, we believe, the best paper of its kind in America, is richly worth the subscription price, $1.00 per year, and should have a wider circulation among the members of our churches.

S. N. WATSON.

The report was written by Rev. S. N. Watson and read by S. F. Conrad. Report was discussed by Brother Archibald Johnson, in what was regarded as one of the most forcible and effective speeches ever made before the Association on the Orphanage work.

Report adopted.

Association then adjourned until two o'clock p. m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

After devotional exercises led by J. J. McLendon, the Association was called to order and the following committees made reports:

Reports of Committees.

To Nominate Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—The committee reported the nomination of Dr. E. E. Bomar and D. F. Helms. Report adopted.

Committee to Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention —Reported Rev. L. R. Pruitt, Rev. S. F. Conrad, Rev. S. N. Watson, Rev. K. W. Hogan and J. A. Durham. Report adopted.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher—Reported as to time, Wednesday morning at 10:30 a. m. before the third Sunday in September, 1911. P lace, Pineville Baptist Church. Preacher, Rev. S. N. Watson. Alternate, Rev. D. M. Austin. Report adopted.

Committee to Nominate Executive Board—Reported the old

Board, as follows: L. R. Pruett, T. D. Maness, T. J. Renfrow, E. E. Bomar and W. C. Dowd.

Report of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reports the following amounts as received by them:

For State Missions	$ 58.80
For Home Missions	33.50
For Foreign Missions	23.40
For Orphanage	27.60
For Ministerial Education	3.00
For Old Ministers Relief	5.00
For Minutes and Clerk	30.50
For Sunday School Missions	2.00
	$183.80

J. P. STROUP,
Chairman of Committee.

Report on Temperance.

The subject was discussed at the morning session without a report and the report was made by S. F. Conrad and adopted.

Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society.

The Association suspended its session and gave way for the Woman's Missionary organization, Addresses were made by Mrs. C. E. Mason and Miss Eva Liddell, and short speeches were made by W. C. Dowd, the Moderator; Rev. L. R. Pruett, K. W. Hogan, and others.

Report on State Missions

During the first several years of the Board's existence the efforts of the missionaries were directed chiefly to evangelization. The misisonaries were known in some sections as itinerants and the field of one man covered several counties. Then came the cultivation of local points. Missionaries were stationed at important places with a view to establishing churches. Charlotte was one of the points to which a missionary was assigned. We have now come to a time in our work when we must cultivate intensly. We must plant more churces in communities that are rapidly filling up and we must see to it that in every community

where there is no Baptist Church that one is established. It is our duty to keep North Carolina in the Baptist column, and this can only be done by preaching our peculiar doctrines in every community. Again, we are to spread the truth to the ends of the earth. In order to do this we must make our base of supplies as strong as possible.

We have, under the appointment of the Board, a hundred and forty-eight missionaries, and the reports that come from them quarterly show that gratifying progress is being made in their fields.

To secure the progress of the Kingdom everywhere, at home and abroad, we must push State Missions.

LIVINGSTON JOHNSON.

The report was read by Rev. L. Johnson, who addressed the Association in a strong speech, outlining the marvelous work as done by the State Mission Board since its organization. The report was also discussed by S. F. Conrad, who made a motion that the Association pledge itself to undertake to raise $1,500 the next Associational year. After remarks by Drs. Hulten and Bomar and Moderator W. C. Dowd, the report was adopted.

On motion of Rev. L. R. Pruett the Moderator appointed a committee consisting of L. R. Pruett and S. F. Conrad to arrange a program and place for a Union Meeting.

Report of the Missionaries.

The missionaries present who were working under appointment by the Executive Board of the Association and the State Mission Board at Raleigh, were requested to report as to the work in their fields, interesting reports were made by W. A. Hough, D. F. Helms, J. W. Snyder, K. W. Hogan and S. F. Conrad. Association then adjourned until 7:30 p m.

NIGHT SESSION.

Association met according to appointment and opened with prayer by G. E. Lineberry.

The Association took up first the

Report on Digest of Church Letters.

Your committee finds four churches without letters and other reporting so late in the session of the Association as to make an accurate digest of the letters an impossibility, and besides as curtailing upon the committee a great amount of double work, as the changing of the figures means a new arrangement of every column

of statistics and the addition over of all the tables. A church worth the name can prepare its letter before the Association meets and can send in the letter to the Clerk if it should fail to send any delegates. Many of the letters we find badly compiled, and nearly every one of them inaccurate in their figures, and many incomplete and unsatisfactory as to information. Some of them are an evidence of a low state of spirituality and manifest a lack of business methods as to keeping the church records.

We find this year we have fallen behind our last year's record on some of the leading objects, while we have advanced on others.

Last year we gave to State Missions $1,219.12, and this year $1,047.10. For Home Missions we gave last year $816.50, this year $1,163.38. For Foreign Missions we gave last year $2,797.82, this year $2,209.80. For the Thomasville Orphanage we gave last year $480.06, this year we have given $918.54. Huntersville Church reports nothing for Home and Foreign Missions. McGill Street Church, Concord, reports nothing for State Missions, but will take its collection before convention. Four churches report no Sunday Schools, viz: Huntersville, Newells, Rock Hill and Cold Water. Our enrollment in Sunday Schools this year is 4,218 as against 3,879 last year, a gain of 320. Our average attendance this year is 1,981 against 1,935 last year. North Charlotte Church enjoys the distinction of having a larger average attendance in Sunday School, than it has members on its church roll. It reports an average of 200, and 146 church members. We report 250 Baptisms this year, as against 361 last year. Our total church membership this year is 4,065, against 3,831 last year. Altogether our records are not quite so good as they were last year.

S. F. CONRAD,
L. R. PRUETT,
D. W. SNYDER,
Committee.

Report was read by Rev. K. W. Hogan for S. F. Conrad, and adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions.

"Come over into Macedonia, and help us" is the call of Foreign Missions. The work of our Board in Richmond is the answering of this Call of God. This Macedonian cry has three phases: First, it is the call of God; second, it is a call for men; third, it is a call from men.

In answer to this plea for the Gospel from foreign lands our Board has sent out about 247 missionaries and employs 400 native helpers, making, in all, 647 workers. Secretary Willingham reported that last year was the best in the history of the work of the Board.

The field is composed of China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina. What a vast territory, covering such a large part of the globe and embracing more than two-thirds of the human race who have never heard the Gospel of Life and Salvation. In all these fields the outlook is encouraging and hopeful. Our missionaries can go now into any part of the world with the Gospel without fear and molestation. The opportunity has come to give the Gospel to the whole, wide world. Nations that were once hostile and unfriendly toward the misisonaries, are beginning to hear them gladly. Every phase of the work of our Foreign Board is prosperous, both at home and abroad. The brethren and sisters and children through their various organizations are giving more; the educational method, under the inspirational leadership of Dr. T. B. Ray, is beginning to create in the minds and hearts of our people a thirst for misisonary information; and the Educational Department is rendering valuable service in the publication of the Foreign Misison Journal and by the distribution of tracts.

North Carolina has been asked to give at least $45,000 this year, and the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association should undertake to raise her part.

The writer would heartily offer the following recommendations:

. That there be organized in this Association a Woman's Missionary Union.

2. That there be Missionary and Sunbeam Societies organized in all the churches of the Association, which do not now have them.

3. That the members of our churches be encouraged to read the Foreign Mission Journal and mission tracts.

4. That a contribution for Foreign Missions be secured from every church and from every member of the church.

L. R. PRUETT.

The report was written by L. R. Pruett and read by W. A. Hough. Report was discussed by Miss Beulah Bowden, Missionary to Mexico, and C. E. Mason. Report adopted.

The Moderator on behalf or the Association extended thanks to Independence Hill Church and the good people of the community for the splendid hospitality and entertainment given the Association during its session. The Association then adjourned with prayer and benediction by Dr. Hulten.

The Association closed one of the best sessions of its history with a most hopeful outlook for 1911.

A LETTER TO THE CHURCHES.

Dear Brethren:—

As members of the Executive Board of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association we deem it proper that a word of explanation be made to the churches on the plan of apportionment as adopted by the Association. It is not to be regarded as an assessment or a tax which the Association would impose upon the churches, but simply as suggestive as to what would be a reasonable and equitable division among the churches of the amounts we should undertake to raise for the various objects to which we contribute..

Experience has proven that it is better to aim at a definite amount than at nothing at all, and on this principle our State Mission Board pitches its work for each conventional year. This year it asks the churches for 45,000. We have 148 Missionaries under appointment by the Board and the whole Baptist denomination is pledged to meet their salaries.

Our Southern Baptist Convention has pitched its work on a basis of one million dollars. Four hundred thousand to Home Missions and six hundred thousand to Foreign Missions, and has asked the Associations to assume their proportional part of this amount. The growing and constantly widening field demands an increase in contributions. We suggest that all our churches this year try to make an advance of at least 25 per cent. over last year and to this end make a personal canvass of the entire membership of each church, and secure a pledge for a definite amount from each member to be paid in monthly during the year. Let these pledges be specific as to the objects so each member will give intelligently and in proportion to the importance of the cause to which they contribute. Then let these amounts be sent directly to the Treasurer of the Convention, Walter Durham, at Raleigh, or to S. H. Averett, at Thomasville, for the Orphanage.

L. R. PRUETT,
E. E. BOMAR,
W. C. DOWD,
T. D. MANESS,
T. J. RENFROW,
Executive Committee.

APPORTIONMENTS RECOMMENDED FOR THIS ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR.

Churches:	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Relief.	Education.	Sunday School Missions.	Orphanage.
Arlington	$ 15	$ 15	$ 15	$ 2	$ 3	$ 5	$ 10
Clear Creek	15	10	10	1	1	2	10
Cold Water	77	77	5	1	1	1	5
Cornelius	30	15	20	3	5	2	20
Chadwick	10	10	10	2	5	2	20
First Church, Charlotte	750	750	1500	10	25	10	300
First Church, Concord	100	45	75	5	5	3	75
McGill St., Concord	25	10	15	3	5	3	15
West Concord	20	10	10	3	5	3	15
Friendship	20	10	30	1	1	1	15
Huntersville	10	5	5	1	1	1	3
Independence Hill	20	10	15	2	2	2	10
Kannapolis	10	5	10	1	1	1	5
Louise	50	10	35	5	5	5	40
Long Creek	10	5	5	2	2	2	10
Matthews	25	10	25	5	3	2	20
Newells	4	10	5	1	2	1	8
Ninth Avenue, Charlotte	105	50	100	5	5	5	85
North Charlotte	30	10	10	1	2	2	10
Oak Grove	25	20	25	2	2	2	15
Pineville	20	10	10	5	5	3	20
Pleasant Plain	20	10	10	3	1	2	12
Pritchard Memorial	155	150	325	5	15	10	75
Rock Hill	6	3	3	1	1	1	3
Union Grove	5	5	5	1	1	1	5
Wilson Grove	10	5	5	1	1	1	5

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches.	Pastor's and their Addresses.	Clerk's and their Addresses.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored	Total.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Gained.	Lost.	Male Members.	Female Membership.	Total Membership.
lington	J. E. M. Davenport, Matthews		17	2	1	20	10	2	—	12	8	—	143	150	293
ear Creek	A. C. Davis, Olive Branch ..	L. S. Pigg, Unionville, N. C.	7	3	1	11	4	—	1	5	6	—	51	65	116
ld Water	S. N. Watson, Concord ..	J. W. Connell, Concord, rf	1	4	—	5	7	1	—	8	—	3	20	30	50
rnelius	W. A. Hough, Cornelius ..	D. E. Kennedy, Cornelius .	20	8	1	29	15	5	—	20	9	—	51	63	114
adwick	J. A. Combs, Charlotte ..	C. C. Ingle, Char., rfd Sta.	10	7	1	18	8	3	1	12	6	—	39	67	106
rst Church, Char.	H. H. Hulten, Charlotte ..	J. A. Durham, Charlotte ..	56	92	5	153	38	—	6	44	109	—	—	—	881
rst Ch., Concord.	S. N. Watson, Concord	Dr. H .C. Herring, Concord	4	16	1	21	25	3	1	29	—	8	86	148	234
cGill St. Church,	D. F. Helms, Concord	W. F. Mills, Concord	19	19	2	40	15	5	2	22	18	—	83	141	224
est Concord .. .	J. W. Snyder, Concord	W. F. Stegall, Con., cf. B.ll	30	36	—	66	6	5	—	11	55	—	65	87	152
iendship	K. W. Hogan, Pineville ..	Cov. Garrison, Char., r. 12 ..	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	12	20	32
untersville	W. A. Hough, Cornelius ..	S. L. Mullen, Huntersville	—	—	—	—	5	—	1	6	—	6	8	10	18
dependence Hill	W. A. Hough, Cornelius ..	C. S. Davis, Char., R. No. 7.	9	1	—	10	7	7	1	15	—	5	21	46	67
annapolis	W. T. Talbert, Kannapolis ..	W. A. Hershman, Kannapolis	7	35	—	42	9	2	—	11	31	—	40	53	93
uise	J. C. Gillespie, Charlotte ..	Josiah Allen, Charlotte .. .	-	24	2	26	23	4	—	27	—	1	103	135	238
ng Creek	K. W. Hogan, Pineville	J. S. Underwood, Paw C'k. ..	7	—	—	7	1	—	1	2	5	—	20	37	57
atthews	J. E. M. Davenport, Matthews	W. L. Hatfield, Matthews .	3	6	—	9	10	—	—	10	—	1	46	78	124
ewell															
nth Ave., Char.	L. R. Pruett, Charlotte	J. H. Fidler, Charlotte .. .	12	30	2	44	16	—	5	21	23	—	163	294	457
rth Charlotte ..	S. F. Conrad, Charlotte ..	B. F. Cato, N. Charlotte ..	7	12	2	21	10	6	4	20	1	—	49	97	146
k Grove	K. W. Hogan, Pineville ..	W. E. Smith, Pineville,rfd 15	1	2	—	3	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	53
neville	K. W. Hogan, Pineville ..	C. J. Price, Matthews .. .	6	7	1	14	—	2	3	5	9	—	35	70	105
easant Plains ..	J. E. M. Davenport, Matthews	J. E. Broom, Matthews ..	11	1	1	13	4	—	1	5	8	—	76	60	136
itchard Memoria	E. E. Bomar, Charlotte ..	J. J. Ezell, Charlotte	20	32	3	55	15	2	2	19	36	—	91	171	262
ck Hill															
nion Grove	W. A. Hough Cornelius ..	Hampton Hasting, r. No. 22	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	14	8	22
ilson Grove .. .		G. E. HerbLocker, Matt., r 19	3	2	1	6	2	—	2	4	2	—	29	56	85
			250	339	25	613	233	47	34	309	298	28	1095	1986	4065

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastors Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Missions	Colportage	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Old Ministers Relief	Other Objects	Minutes	GRAND TOTAL
Arlington	$ 43.25	$ 25 00	$ 70 90	$ 20 55	$	$	$ 5 65	$ 9 25	$	$	7 45	$	$	$	$ 31 05	$ 1 75	$ 183 80
Clear Creek	75.00		17 00	5 00		13 00	4 00	5 00			10 00			1 00		1 00	131 00
Cold water	16 75					6 00	5 00	2 31								25	30 26
Cornelius	275 00	6 40	20 70	12 00		80 00	10 20	15 00	2 00		24 46		3 00	2 60	10 00	2 00	411 36
Chadwick	169 50	285 48	33 00	24 00		4 80	3 00	5 35			27 00				5 00	1 20	558 53
First Church Charlotte	3980 00	2410 00	3252 67	1255 62	144 60	481 45	769 00	1571 02			352 37	8 50			144 33	10 00	14379 36
First Church Concord	900 00	225 00	275 00	265 00	55 00	65 00	30 00	50 00	3 00		90 35		5 00	5 00		3 00	1971 35
McGill Street Concord	750 00	1972 51	454 00	135 68	20 00		10 00	15 00	5 20		12 36				21 50	2 20	3393 45
West Concord	237 37	355 73	24 79	112 40	11 54	18 25	8 44	8 44			12 10			5 00	27 13	2 70	823 89
Friendship	100 00			12 75	6 00	10 50	7 10	28 30		2 25	14 50				6 75	2 00	190 15
Huntersville	30 00					2 50					3 00			1 00			36 50
Independence Hill	135 00	18 26	15 12	11 66		14 00	5 00	4 40	1 00		10 50		2 00	3 00			221 04
Kannapolis	200 00		88 99			4 00	3 00	5 00	1 00		5 00		1 00	1 00		1 50	260 49
Louise	800 00	100 00	112 00	58 38	35 64	30 00	16 25	23 75		4 20	37 97		3 86	2 96		3 00	1193 80
Long Creek	100 00			6 70		7 50	1 00	1 00							85	1 85	118 90
Matthews	400 00		69 00	16 00		15 00	7 00	21 60			17 25			5 00		2 00	552 85
Newell																	
Ninth Ave., Charlotte	1500 00	639 50	289 84	142 00	25 00	94 00	48 65	99 76			93 98	105 00			35 40	4 00	3047 98
North Charlotte	157 50	1171 62	80 00	228 00		12 00	7 00	7 00	3 11		13 09				65 00	2 00	1743 21
Oak Grove	300 00			48 00		24 50	7 85	17 17			1 40				27 60	2 00	428 52
Pineville	147 85	594 55	32 50	10 50	5 00	15 00	5 00	8 00			22 14		5 00	6 00	66 40	2 50	919 44
Pleasant Plain	200 00	35 00		12 00		17 00	6 00	5 00			11 00		1 00	3 00		1 00	291 00
Pritchard Memorial	1650 00	1159 05	786 36		19 35	125 00	138 74	278 20	10 00		78 07		15 00	5 00		5 00	4299 77
Rock Hill																	
Union Grove	60 00		5 00	1 50		5 00	2 00	2 00	1 00		3 00		1 00	1 00			81 50
Wilson Grove						5 00	2 00	3 00	1 00		3 00		1 00	1 00			16 00
	$12 227 22	$8 998 10	$ 5 576 87	$ 2 378 29	$322 13	$999 50	$ 1 045 88	$2 185 55	$27 31	$ 6 45	$ 849 99	$ 113 50	$37 86	$42 56	$440 81	$50 95	$35 289 17

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE, REPORTED IN LETTERS

Churches.	Superintendent's and Addresses.	Secretaries and Addresses.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Baptized from Schools.	Quarterlies and Papers.	No. Schools.	Months Kept Open
Arlington	Fred Hamilton, Charlotte, R. F. D. 11.	L. J. Mullis, Charlotte, R. F. D. 11	8	170	178	58	9	200	1	1
Clear Creek	H. W. Pigg, Unionville, R. F. D. 1	W. Frank Hagler, Charlotte, R. F. D. 11	7	88	92	60	4	250	1	
Cold Water										
Cornelius	R. D. Mooney, Davidson	D. E. Kenedy, Cornelius	9	80	89	60	4	100	1	1
Chadwick	I. S. Wallace, Char., R. F. D. Sta.	Miss Mamie Sinclair, Char., R.F.D. Sta	11	110	121	90	...	70	1	1
First Church, Charlotte	T. S. Franklin, Charlotte		43	1027	1070	430	41	2000	1	1
First Church, Concord	T. D. Maness, Concord	Floyd Corzine	14	246	260	150	2	550	1	1
McGill Street, Concord	T. P. Shunkle, Concord	U. B. Helms, Concord	11	241	252	135	10	300	1	1
West Concord	W. F. Stegall, Concord, cfd. Brown Mill	G. A. Misenheimer, Concord	11	225	236	129	6	238	1	1
Friendship	C. Garrison, Charlotte, R. F. D. 12.	L. W. Walker, Charlotte, R. 4	5	16	21	12	...	72	1	1
Huntersville	Union School									
Independence Hill	H. B. Blackman, Huntersville, R. 4	C. S. Davis, Charlotte, R. 4	7	83	90	48	5	90	1	1
Kannapolis	. W. Connell, Kannapolis	C. W. Wright, Kannapolis	8	148	156	69	1	126	1	1
Louise	M. J. Green, Charlotte	W. E. McKinnon, Charlotte	13	275	288	91	...	535	1	1
Long Creek	F. T. Beaty, Paw Creek	R. S. Underwood, Paw Creek	4	30	34	25	4	160	1	1
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	E. A. Funderburk, Matthews, N. C.	8	100	108	65	2	150	1	1
Newell										
Ninth Avenue, Charlotte	Fred S. Conrad, Charlotte	J. H. Fidler, Charlotte	19	396	415	201	10	150	1	1
North Charlotte	B. F. Cato, North Charlotte	J. W. Gaddy, North Charlotte	10	304	314	200	7	500	1	1
Oak Grove										
Pineville	J. E. McClure, Pineville	Miss Mae Culp, Pineville	8	150	158	100	6	....	1	1
Pleasant Plain	J. E. Brown, Matthews	Archie McClendon, Matthews	7	60	67	40	4	300	1	1
Pritchard Memorial	W. F. Dowd, Charlotte	J. B. McKoy, Charlotte	17	240	257	123	...	200	1	1
Rock Hill										
Union Grove			4	10	14	....	...	....	..	
Wilson Grove	No Officers Named									

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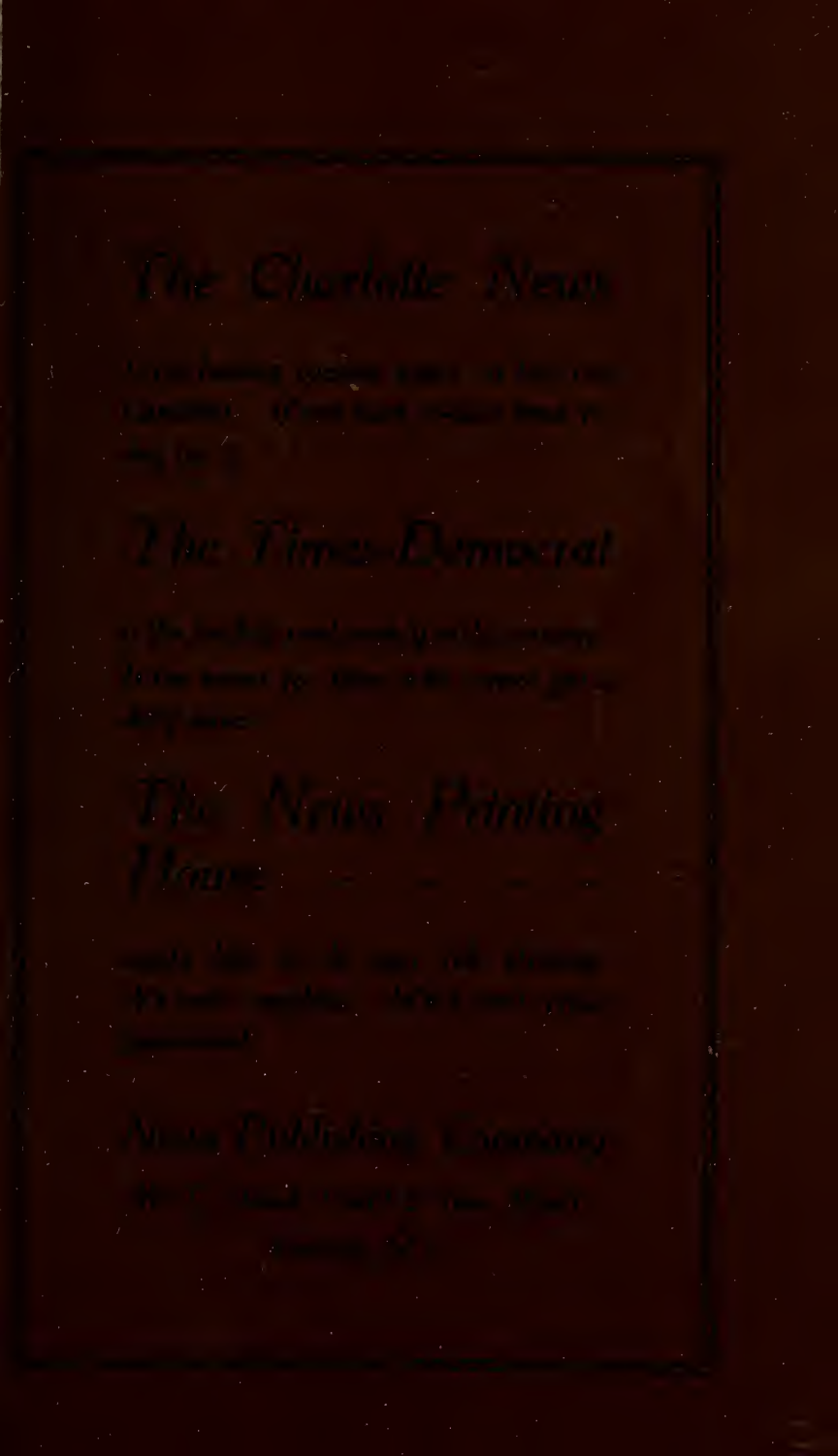
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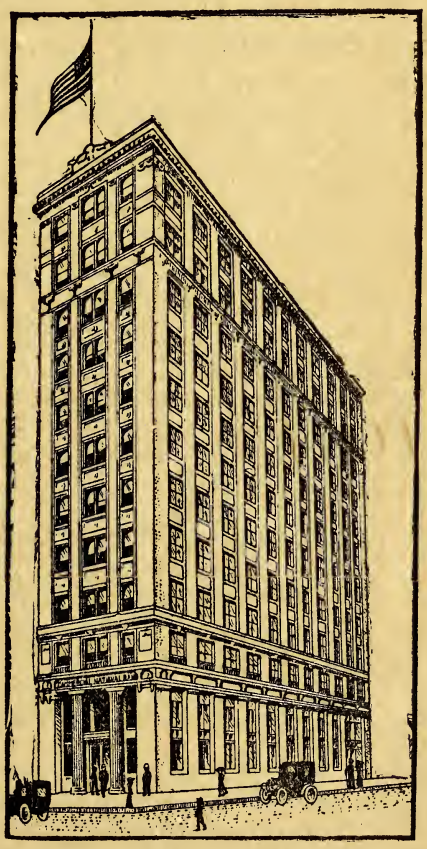
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The next session will be held with the First Baptist Church in Concord on Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1912, at 10:30 a. m. Introductory sermon to be preached by Dr. E.E. Bomar, Charlotte; Rev. L. A.Pruett, Charlotte, alternate.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Austin, Rev. D. M. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Bomar, Dr. E. E. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Conrad, Rev. S. F. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Combs, Rev. J. A. ..... (Chadwick) Charlotte, N. C.
Caudle, Rev. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
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Hagler, Rev. R. M. ..... Mint Hill, N. C.
Hogan, Rev. K. W. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Helms, Rev. D. F. ..... Concord, N. C.
Hough, Rev. W. A. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Pruett, Rev. L. R. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Pace, Rev. J. R. ..... (Chadwick) Charlotte, N. C.
Snyder, Rev. J. W. ..... Concord, N. C.
Watson, Rev. S. N. ..... Concord, N. C.
Talbert, Rev. W. T. ..... Concord, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Rev. L. R. Pruett, Rev. E. E. Bomar, T. D. Maness, T. J. Renfrow and W. C. Dowd.

Clerk of Association.

Rev. S. F. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C.

BY-LAWS.

1.—The daily session of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Delegates shall be recognized by letters from their churches, designating them as such.

3. The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers or the delegates of newly-received Churches by extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

4. The Clerk shall provide blank letters for the use of the Churches of the Association previous to the meeting of the Association, superintend the publication and distribution of the minutes, preserve a file of them and nave it present at each annual session, read the proceedings of the preceding session at the beginning of each morning session, and the last day's proceedings at the close of the annual session.

5. Members desiring to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator; shall use the term "Brother," in speaking to each other; shall not speak on the same subject more than twice without permission, and shall observe the courtesy that becomes Christians.

6. Members shall not absent themselves from the session without permission of the Association.

7. A copy of the Minutes shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Mission Board, also a copy to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one to the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, and one to the Field Secretary for Sunday Schools in North Carolina.

8. All questions of order not herein provided shall be decided by "Parliamentary Law."

9. he report of the Executive Board and the missionary work of the Association with short reports from the missionaries shall take precedence of all other bsuiness during the morning session of the second day of the annual session.

ORDER OF BUSNESS.

The general order of business shall be:

(1) Enrollment of delegates.
(2) Election of officers.
(3) Petitionary letters.
(4) Appointment of committees for this season.
(5) Appointment of standing committees.
(6) Report of special committees.
(7) Reports of standing committees.
(8) Report of other committees.
(9) Miscellaneous business.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

To Prepare Reports:

State Missions ..... Rev. L. R. Pruett.

Home Missions ..... Dr. E. E. Bomar.

Foreign Missions ..... Rev. D. M. Austin.

Orphanage ..... Rev. W. A. Hough.

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Education ..... Rev. S. N. Watson.

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Brethren, write your reports beforehand, and put in them such information as will be worthy of the cause, and do not leave them to be written at haphazard on the leaf of a minute or scribbled in an almost illegible hand. Type-write them and they will not need to be rewritten for print-ing.

S. F. C., Clerk.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION.

The Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association met with the Stough Memorial Baptist Church in Pineville, according to appointment on Wednesday, September 13th, 1911. The introductory sermon was preached by S. N. Watson, of Concord, from Matthew 16: 24: Then said Jesus unto his disciples, if any man will come after me let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Following the sermon, W. C. Dowd, the Moderator, called the Association to order by calling for the letters from the churches. Eighteen churches respondedwith letters, and their delegates enrolled. During the session five others reported by letter with delegates and all the churches represented are reported as follows:

Arlington—R. J. Connell, R. M. Hagler.

Clear Creek—H. W. Piggg, L. S. Pigg, J. A. Helms.

Cornelius—Lee Parker, C. A. Hedgepeth.

Chadwick—I. S. Wallace, E. D. Thomas.

Charlotte First Church—Dr. H. H. Hulten, W. C. Dowd, B. F. Withers, J. A. Durham, J. P. Hackney.

Charlotte Pritchard Memorial—Dr. E. E. Bomar, D. M. Austin, J. J. Ezell, W. F. Dowd, Z. V. Kendrick.

Charlotte Ninth Avenue—L. R. Pruett, R. J. Boyd, T. C. Huneycutt.

Charlotte, Louise—J. C. Gillespie, S. A. Helms, J. C. Redding, A. B. Hayes.

Charlotte, North—S. F. Conrad, A. H. Dryman.

Concord, First Church—S. N. Watson, B. McLester, Thomas Barnhardt.

Concord, McGill Street—M. A. Carpenter.

Concord, West—J. W. Snyder, W. F. Stegall, G. C. Hartsell, F. Brantly.

Friendship—Covington Garrison, Pearl Garrison.

Huntersville—Letter. No delegate.

Independence Hill—C. S. Davis, J. B. Flowers, J. R. Adkins, S. W. Davis.

Kannapolis—M. H. Carter.

Long Creek—W. O. Smith, J. S. Underwood.

Matthews—J. W. Phillips.

Newell—Arthur Jordan.

Oak Grove—J. P. Stroupe, M. A. Edwards.

Pleasant Plain—J. J. McLendon.

Stowe Memorial—Joseph Griffin, F. E. Pressly, J. A. Cook.

Wilson Grove—W. R. Small, W. F. Stegall.

On motion of Dr. E. E. Bomar, K. W. Hogan was instructed to cast the vote of the Association for W. C. Dowd, Moderator, and for

S. F. Conrad, Clerk, and J. J. Ezell, Treasurer. K. W. Hogan then cast the unanimous vote of the Association for these brethren, who were elected.

The Moderator extended an invitation to all visiting brethren to let themselves be known, and the following brethren were welcomed to seats in the body: E. L. Middleton, Secretary of Sunday Schools; G. E. Lineberry, Educational Secretary; S. P. Hare and J. K. Hare, of South Carolina. The Moderator then appointed K. W. Hogan.

E. E. Bomar and J. W. Snyder, Committee on Order of Business, who reported that Sunday Schools be first considered.

Report on Sunday Schools.

The report was read by Dr. E. E. Bomar and discussed by E. L. Middleton, after which the report was adopted:

According to the minutes of our last meeting (1910), there were 18 Sunday Schools in the Association, which kept open 12 months in the year; one, nine months, and one three months. Wilson Grove, Newell, Cold Water and Rock Hill did not report any schools. Huntersville reported a Union school.

It is encouraging to note that 18 of the 26 churches have Sunday Schools which keep open every Sunday of the year.

Conditions are such in some localities which make union schools imperative, but it should be recognized that the best results are obtained where each denomination does its own work. There is a most excellent Union school at Elizabeth Mill, Charlotte, conducted by members of Pritchard Memorial and Ninth Avenue churches. The mill is small and the population is not sufficient for the Baptists to conduct their own school alone.

The total enrollment of scholars in the Association is 4,222 and the total average attendance is 2,057—not quite 50 per cent of the enrollment. These figures are for 1910.

The low average attendance indicates an unsettled and changing population, which is indeed the case with a large portion of the Baptists in the Association. But, this very shifting and changing under proper direction will make for growth. Anything is better than stagnation.

Passing to consideration of the work in the State and within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, we find on all hands indications of advancement and improvement. Our Sunday School Board, located at Nashville, is perhaps the most efficient organization of its character in the United States. Raleigh is in close cooperation with the Sunday School Board at Nashville, and oud most excellent State Secretary, Mr. E. L. Middleton, is tireless in his activity, and effiicent along all lines.

During recent years there has been marked progress in the Sunday Schools of North Carolina. In ten years we have gained 212 churches and 55,420 members, but in the last five years of this same decade we have gained 519 Sunday Schools and 62,102 Sunday School pupils, thus making much larger gains in five years in our Sunday Schools than in ten years in our churches. The same gains were made in contributions to Convention objects through the Sunday Schools.

If we compare our State work with the whole Southern Baptist Convention we have ground for encouragement. During the last five years there was a gain of nearly 22 per cent in the number of Baptist Sunday Schools in the South, but in North Carolina a gain of over 40 per cent. In the same time the South gained 34 per cent in Sunday School membership, but in North Carolina we gained 59 per cent.

The demand for trained officers and teachers is growing. Our Secretary is pressing this work with success. Rev. Dr. Prince E. Burroughs, lately of Texas, has been employed by the Sunday School Board at Nashville, to attend to this one thing. Others are co-operating, and together they are pressing this work. We need more teachers and also more teachers who are trained to their work.

A Policy for 1911.

We offer the following suggestions, copied from Mr. Middleton's report to the North Carolina State Convention, as a policy for the year before us:

1. Thoroughly organize the work.

2. Secure a standard of excellence for Baptist Sunday Schools from the Secretary, E. L. Middleton, Raleigh, N. C., and begin in each local school an effort to reach "A-1" in this standard.

3. Press the matter of teacher training in normal classes for each school.

4. Observe some time in September, October, or some other month as a "Rally Day," or "Enlistment Day," and endeavor to get into Sunday School all the children of the neighborhood.

5. Plan for reaching more of our own church members, by a definite canvass of those who do not attend. If we can get the church members to attend Sunday School the children will be sure to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. BOMAR,

For the Committee.

Report on Laymen's Movement.

At the last session the following committee was appointed to report on the Laymen's Movement, and report on a program for work. The committee appointed consisted of J. A. Durham, W. F. Dowd and W. J. Fite. A report was handed in from Chairman J. A. Durham and read and on motion received after discussion by Dr. E. E. Bomar. On motion the committee was continued with instructions from the Moderator to prepare a report and report at next session of the Association.

Your Committee on Laymen's Movement beg leave to report that the committee has effected no organization an as a committee have done practically nothing. At the same time, your committee desires to express its faith in the spirit and purpose of the movement, and its gratification that some of the churches are attempting with success to get the individual members to contribute weekly to missions. One of these churches, the Ninth Avenue, has been much helped by the movement and the system of weekly giving.

It is confidently believed that the appointment of a missionary committee in each church and the canvass of the church members, for weekly contributions to missions, will result in great benefit to the members, as well as to the cause of missions.

The committee expresses the hope that the Laymen's Movement work will be well organized in North Carolina at no great distant date.

I. W. DURHAM, Chairman,
For the Committee.

Committee on order of business made the following report for afternoon and night sessions:

Adjourn at 12:30. Meet at 2 p. m. Spend 15 minutes in devotional exercises, led by D. F. Helms.

Home Missions from 2:15 to 3 p. m.

Education from 3 to 3:40; 3:40 to 4:30, Temperance. For lack of time the report on Temperance was deferred until the night session.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 2 p. m. and after spending 15 minutes in devotion the report on Home Missions was read by S. N. Watson, of Concord, and, on motion, discussed by himself and Rev. J. K. Hare, of South Carolina. Report was adopted.

Report on Home Missions.

Home Missions is the philosophy of making real a Christian civilization in America. To accomplish its purposes is a matter of surpassing importance in any wisely conceived mission policy.

The Old Testament prophets, whose eyes kindled with a vision of the world turning to God, in furthering this divine purpose gave their whole lives to Home Missions. In the Great Commission our Lord gave commands that extend to the utmost limits of the earth, but for all time they also include for each disciple the limits of his own community. They radiate out from that and take in every place between it and the place furtherest away.

In the prosecution of the purpose of our Lord for the redemption of the world, Peter and Philip and Stephen and James were as truly carrying out the divine plan of missions when they preached to the Jews as Paul was when he carried the glad news to the Gentiles. Foreign Missions succeed only when it settles down and makes itself at home. Home Missions is missions making for itself a real home in the hearts of men, and in the economic, social and civic relationships of our own land. We must insist that the gospel of grace shall rise so high in the hearts of God's people that it shall overflow and enrich the arid fields of greed and injustice and crime and wickedness in our own country. If we do not, we surely can not think that our gospel is strong enough to conquer heathen nations. Moreover, how shall we reply if the heathen nations shall say to us, Physician, heal thyself?

Out of 92,000,000 population in America only about 20,000,000 are members of evangelical denominations. About 12,000,000 belong to the Catholics, but their faith is so foreign to the genius of American institutions and so obscure the teachings of the Savior in its idolatrous dogmas of saint worship and papal infallibility that we must regard this religious body as a spiritual liability rather than an asset.

The present growth of the South in material prosperity is marvelous. Our vast material resources are being developed with an almost greedy haste. The enormous property losses of the Civil War have been retrieved and this section now has more wealth than the entire nation had when the war began.

Shall this material prosperity be a curse or a blessing to the South? The Christian people of the South hold the answer If our religion is virile enough to consecrate this wealth to spiritual and moral ends, it will be a blessing. But, if not—if the prosperity of our people is devoted toselfish lux ury and pleasure—it will become a curse to the people and the nation. We stamp the name of God on our minted coin, but only as that name is engraved on the living hearts of men will it avail for the nation or for a lost

soul. The greatest single threat to the power of religion in the South today is the Mammon of unconsecrated wealth.

The Home Mission Board conducts many departments of activity for saving the people and preparing them for lives of service. It has about forty-two workers among the foreigners, twenty-eight mountain mission schools with 127 teachers and 4,500 students, eighteen trained evangelists, who last year baptized about 3,000 converts; thirty-five negro missionary evangelists working effectively among the Southern negroes; thirty-four missionaries who supply fifty-six churches and mission stations in Cuba, five missionaries and four helpers doing a successful work in the Canal Zone; a church building department which aided in building 289 churches last year, and twenty missionaries among the Indians in Oklahoma.

Besides the above, the Home Board participates co-operatively (principally with State Mission Boards) in a number of States in maintaining about 1,100 missionary pastors. This co-operative mission work is in line with the Convention's instructions to the Board to form the closest possible relationship with the existing agencies of the denomination in the various States.

To the end that our Board may enlarge its activities and do for the denomination a work worthy of so great a Christian body and commensurate with the present urgent needs, your committee pleads for regular and large collections for Home Missions in the churches. Our Board could wisely expend a million dollars a year for it. It ought to do it, if we can only bring our churches to make a liberal response to its needs. Surely Southern Baptists must raise the $400,000 asked, and our own State its apportionment of $26,000.00.

Your committee recommends:

1. That prayer be made in the churches for Home Missions, that God may open our eyes to see and our purses to use the rich opportunities to establish our country on the everlasting Rock of Ages.

2. That regular collections throughout the year be insisted on, instead of waiting, as so many do, to the end of the year to give to this cause.

3. That our pastors be requested to make an earnest effort at least once during the year to preach a special sermon on Home Missions, and the magnitude and importance of the problems involved.

4. That a club of subscribers be raised in each church for the Home Field, the unusually attractive and illuminating monthly magazine of the Home Board.

5. That churches andpastors be encouraged to make a larger use of the Home Board's informing tracts and sample copies of The

Home iFeld, both of which ahe free for the asking.

The address of the Home Mission Board is Austell Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

S. N. WATSON,
For Committee.

The Report on Education was then taken up, and the report not being ready was discussed without a report, by G. E. Lineberry, the Education Secretary of the Convention, who discussed the endowment question of Meredith College, and its claims upon the denomination. He was followed by J. R. Pace, of Chadwick, in a most earnest plea for our people to patronize our own schools. The report on Education was to have been prepared by J. E. M. Davenport, who was detained at home by illness.

Committee on Order of Business reported that Dr. H. H. Hulten, of Charlotte, would preach at the night service.

NIGHT SESSION.

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. L. R. Pruett was called to the chair, and after prayer the report on temperance was read and discussed by S. F. Conrad and adopted. Following the report on Temperance a sermon was preached by Dr. H. H. Hulten, of Charlotte, on "Soul Winning," from the text "And he brought him to Jesus," John 1: 42.

Report on Temperance.

Since our last session, a yaer ago, we are glad to note that commendable progress has been made in law enforcement, and also in the enactment of some new laws which have been most beneficial in their effects.

The abolition of the licensed sale of near-beer, and some changes made as to the keeping of liquor in clubs, and confining it to private lockers, has wrought some radical changes as to the use of them as general drinking resorts. It is most noticeable that along with these changes public drunkenness has very manifestly decreased. The arrest and punishment of Blind Tigers has had a deterring effect, and, altogether, there is an improvement in the moral tone of our larger towns.

But, let us not forget that the liquor traffic, like other evils, demands our constant vigilance and unrelenting efforts to restrict it to the narrowest limits consistent with the public good. And let us also remember that the use of strong drink appeals to a de-

praved appetite, and that its exhilerating effects causes its use to grow upon the individual into a fixed habit; and that its tendency is to moral corruption, degredation and ruin. It is really one of the most seductive evils of modern times, and must be dealt with according to its damaging and ruinous effects upon public morals and as a menace to the peace and happiness of the community. Let not the plea that people will get it anyway, and the ease by which the law may be violated, have any weight with right thinking people. Theft, gambling, counterfeiting, and many other evils, can be easily done, but no one would think of licensing them because people will do them anyway. Licensing evil will never suppress it, but clothes it with a kind of respectability because it is done under the sanction of law. When the Church sleeps the devil works and nothing pleases him better than when the Church grows indifferent and ceases its protests and opposition to wrong-doing. let not our opposition to its blight and ruin to humanity, nor our vigilance to suppress it for a moment cease.

S. F. CONRAD.

THURSDAY'S SESSION.

The Association met on Thursday at 9 a. m., and after spending 15 minutes in devotion, led by J. R. Pace, Rev. L. R. Pruett was called to the chair as Moderator.

The Committee on Order of Business asked to make an amended report for the day which was made as follows:

Program for Thursday.

9:00 a. m. to 9:15, Devotional Exercises.
9:15 a. m., Miscellaneous Business.
10 a. m., Wingate School.
10:30 a. m., State Missions.
12:30 p. m., Biblical Recorder.
1:00 p. m., Dinner.
2:15 p. m., Devotional Services, conducted by W. A. Hough.
2:30 p. m., Woman's Work.
3:0 p. m., Foreign Missions.
3:45 p. m., Old Ministers' Relief.
4:15 p. m., Vote of Thanks for Hospitality of the Church and Community.
7:45 p. m., Sermon by Rev. L. Johnson.

Resolutions on Open Communion.

Under Miscellaneous Business, S. F. Conrad, the Clerk, offered some Preambles and Resolutions on the question of Open Communion, which, on account of the smallness of the delegation present, he asked to be deferred until the hour before adjournment, at noon. A motion was made to adopt the resolutions as offered, and by consent of the body was deferred to the hour of adjournment for vote.

Resolutions as to Open or Free Communion.

Whereas, It is currently reported that in some of our churches there are members who openly avow their faith in the doctrine of open, or, so-called Free Communion, and who also engage in its practice with other denominations; and

Whereas, The Baptist churches of this State have always regarded the Lord's Supper as a church ordinance, and restricted in the terms of its observance to those who are in fellowship, and who have been Scripturally Baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ;

And, further, that the Law of Sequence as to the order of the ordinances established in the Word of God, requires conversion before Baptism, and Baptism before church membership, and church membership before the Supper. And,

Whereas, The Baptist churches of the State have always contended that the preservation and the keeping of the ordinances, both as to form and order, has been committed to the churmhes, and that they are empowered to exercise jurisdiction over them, and to pass upon the moral and doctrinal fitness of those who shall receive them;

Therefore, Resolved, We do hereby reaffirm our faith in the doctrine of restricted Communion, and that the practice of open or Free Communion, as without Scriptural authority, warrant or example, and that those who engage in its practice are out of harmony with the faith of our churches, and where persisted in should be subject to their discipline.

Resolved, Second, That we regard the practice of open or Free Communion, so called, as wrong in principle and misleading practice and fraught with immeasurable harm to the cause of our Lord; and that its appeal for support is to sentiment and not to the Word of God.

Resolved, Third, That the pastors of the churches be requested to preach on this question and hold up to their people the teaching of the Word of God, and that they also use literature among their members calculated to impart unto them light and knowledge on this important question.

S. F. CONRAD.

The Moderator, W. C. Dowd, then took the chair and, on being notified by the Clerk that a Digest of the Church Letters had been prepared, on motion the same was read and adopted.

Digest of Church Letters.

We find 23 churches are represented by letters and delegates. The letters show a membership of 4,146, and with Kannapolis added, as reported last year, would give us 4,239 members as against 4,065 last year. We report 259 Baptisms this year as against 250 last year. Sixteen churches report a net gain of 327, while four report a loss of 56, making our net gain 271 against 270 last year.

Twenty-one churches report Sunday Schools, with an enrollment of 3,685 as against 3,990 last year.

We report this year for State Missions $954.17, against $999.50 last year. For Home Missions we report this year $1,445.58 as against $1,045.88 last year. For foreign Missions we report this year $1,931.33, against $2,185.55 last year. For the Orphanage we report this year $877.99 against $849.99 last year. For Sunday School missions we report this year $16 against $27.31 last year. For Old Ministers' Relief we report this year $35.32, against $42.56 last year. For Ministerial Education we report this year $47.32 as against $37.86 last year. The letters report for minutes, $45.95.

The limit of time has not permitted a more general analysis of the letters

S. F. CONRAD,
Clerk.

On motion of S. N. Watson it was decided to have the Associational year run from the first day of September to the last of August, so that the reports would embrace the year.

Visitors were invited to let themselves be known and the following persons were introduced to the body: W. J. Nelson, pastor in Rock Hill, S. C., and pastor of the M. E. Church in Pineville.

Committees Appointed.

On Finance: J. P. Hackney, S. W. Davis and G. T. Barnhardt.

To Nominate Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: J. J. McClenden, J. W. Snyder and J. P. Stroup.

To Nominate Delegates to State Convention: D. F. Helms, J. C. Gillespie and J. W. Phillips.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for Next Session of the Association: S. N. Watson, L. R. Pruett and K. W. Hogan.

Committee to Nominate Executive Board: H. H. Hulten, D. M. Austin, J. W. Snyder.

State Missions was then taken up, and report was made by K.

W. Hogan, and on motion discussed by Rev. Livingston Johnson, secretary of the Baptist State Convention, in one of the most vigorous speeches ever delivered before the Association. It was a most forcible appeal and was presented from the standpoint of doctrine and the great need of the true principles of the gospel in the State. Report adopted.

Report on State Missions.

"Fling out the banner! let it float
Skyward and seaward, high and wide;
The sun, that lights its shining folds,
The Cross, on which the Saviour died."

It should be our constant aim to fling out the Banner of Missions. To this end every reasonable effort should be made to enable our people to come into possession of all possible missionary information. Especially should they learn that the Bible is the greatest missionary book ever written, and that upon it our Missionary enterprise is substantially built. The Old Testament is pre-eminently missionary in that we have the most heroic examples of the dissemination of religious information.

As a matter of convenience and helpfulness we have missions divided into three classes—State, Home and Foreign. State missions is the root of the great missionary tree—the foundation of aggressive church work. The tree will not spread its branches and bear its fruit in the foreign field unless the soil in which the root exists is well cultivated so that a pressing invitation in extended the root for growth and development.

Rev. Livingston Johnson, Correspondinf Secretary of the State Mission Board, in Biblical Recorder, of August 9th, under the caption of "Our Duty and Our State," shows something of the almost unparalleled prosperity that has come to the South in several lines of industry—agriculture, manufacturing, National banking, and education. He turns quickly from these several lines of activity to give us a pointed paragraph on religious conditions.

He says, "But how about our religious development? Has that been keeping pace with our material and educational progress? The figures do not seem to so indicate. North Carolina is one of the six States in the South in which the Roman Catholics made a larger percentage of gain than Protestants. North Carolina is the only State in the South whose percentage of increase in church membership did not keep pace with the growth of population. Only 38 per cent of our population is Christian. While there are more church members in the State by 114,800 than there were ten years ago, the proportion of church membership to the total population is 4.2 per cent less than it was ten years ago. While the population

has been growing more rapidly than the church membership, it must be noted that the Baptists have grown nearly 4 per cent more rapidly than the population. The most recent religious statistics are from 1890 to 1906. During this time the Baptists in North Carolina gained 90,123, or 29 per cent, while all others gained only 49,068, or 13 per cent, showing that our gain is more than twice as much as all others combined. This gain, on the part of the Baptists is due, in large measure, to their aggressive State Mission policy."

The last words of that paragraph are worthy of our notice. I repeat for emphasis: "This gain, on the part of the Baptists is due, in large measure, to their aggressive State mission policy." The broader the territory, the richer the soil, the larger the yield. As no stream rises higher than its source, so the amount of religious truth disseminated in the world will depend upon the amount of gospel propagation done at home. We should see to it, my brethren, that there is no slackening of cords, no drawing in of stakes, no loss of energy in the work of State Missions.

Jesus did not want His precious words of truth to fall to the earth, when He said: "But tarry ye in Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high," Luke 24: 49. "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1: 8. It is significant that Jesus placed Jerusalem and Judea first in order. The Church is the unit in the State and the State becomes a unit in world-wide evangelism.

With all our hearts, brethren, let us recognize the vast importance of State Missions. Let us raise our full part of the $50,000, and give larger amounts each succeeding year, until the complete ushering in of the kingdom.

"Fling out the banner! Angels bend
In anxious silence o'er the sign,
And vainly seek to comprehend
The wonder of the Love Divine.

"Fling out the banner! heathen lands
Shall see from far the glorious sight;
And nations, crowding to be born,
Baptise their spirits in its light.

"Fling out the banner!! sin-sick souls,
That sink and perish in the strife,
Shall touch in faith its radiant hem,
And spring immortal into life.

Fling out the banner! let it float
Skyward and seaward, high and wide,
Our glory, only in the Cross,
Our only hope, the Crucified.

"Fling out the banner! wide and high,
Seaward and skyward let it shine;
Nor skill, nor might, nor merit, ours;
We conquer only in that sign."

K. W. HOGAN,
For Committee.

Wingate School.

By courtesy of the Association, D. M. Austin was permitted to present to the Association the Wingate High School in Union County, which he did, outlining its progress and prospects, and the present enlarged view of its work and as being a center on which several Associations were combining to give it their patronage and co-operation in its management and control. He stated that Anson and Pee Dee had already taken action to join in making it the school of their patronage and support, and that he now asked the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus to also unite upon it as their school and to appoint three members on its board of trustees.

The proposition was most heartily endorsed and after remarks from Rev. J. L. Bennett, the President of the Board of Trustees, the Moderator, by motion, was instructed to appoint three brethren, who were afterwards appointed for this purpose, as follows: D. M. Austin, L. R. Pruett and T. D. Maness.

The repotr on the Orphanage was next called for and the report was read by Rev. L. R. Pruett, and on motion was discussed by M. L. Kesler, the general manager of the Orphanage. Report was adopted.

Report on the Orphanage.

The Baptists of North Carolina should be proud of their Orphanage at Thomasville. They are to be congratulated on having under their control one of the best equipped and well managed orphanages in the entire country. The location of the institution is ideal. It is high and healthful, beautiful and sanitary, made so by nature and awise management. There is no better place in all the State for such an institution. The equipment is not perfect, but it is modern and abreast of the present needs. As the institution grows, new equipment will be added.

The management can not be surpassed. Supt. Rev. M. L. Kesler, with a wise board of trustees behind him and with the devoted and untiring helpers at Thomasville, is conducting an orphanage of high grade and of great usefulness. He was a success as a preacher and the Orphanage. It is a case of "the right man in the right place."

The training the 400 children receive is as good as the best. When a young man or a young girl leaves the Orphanage they go out into the world to bless humanity with a trained life.

The following suggestions are offered:

1. That every church and Sunday School take monthly collections.

2. That every church, whenever possible, hold a Thanksgiving service and take an offering for this work.

3. That each Sunday School take a club of Charity and Children, one the best edited papers in the State, which can be had by subscription for one dollar per year, and in clubs for 60 cents per year.

L. R. PRUETT.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The report was read by D. F. Helms, and discussed by S. F Conrad. Report was adopted.

This is the age of progress and the mind of man is reaching out for something to feed upon.

The newspaper as a medium of information is indispensably necessary, and as an educator is of inestimable importance. No people can be an aggressive people who do not read, and no individual church member can be an aggressive Christian without proper information as to the work being done. One of the great needs of this present age is to be able to discriminate between the cheap, trashy literature that is being scattered broadcast in our land, and that which is unwholesome.

Our denominational papers can only be effective as they are read, and one of the problems that confronts us as a denomination is how to enlist our people in reading our denominational papers.

Experience has taught us that as we increase the number of subscriptions to these avenues of information we have been able to swell our contributions to the different objects that come before our convention.

We claim that the papers reprsenting our dnominational life and work are among the best, for two reasons, viz:

1st. Because of the ability of their editors from a literary standpoint.

2nd. Because of the Biblical information to be found by reading them.

We therefore heartily recommend the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, Home Field, and the Foreign Mission Journal, each as filling important places in our denominational life and work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. HELMS.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 2 p. m. The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher reported: Place, First Baptist Church, in Concord. Time, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1912. Preacher, Dr. E. E. Bomar, Charlotte; Alternate, Rev. L. R. Pruett, of Charlotte. Report adopted.

The Committee to nominate Executive Board reported the old Board, as follows: Rev. L. R. Pruett, Dr. E. E. Bomar, T. D. Maness, T. J. Renfrow and W. C. Dowd. Report adopted.

To nominate Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, committee reported W. A. Hough. Report adopted.

Committee to nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention reported the following brethren who were appointed: S. N. Watson, L. R. Pruett, J. A. Pace, T. J. Renfrow and W. F. Dowd.

Report on Woman's Work.

The special hour for Woman's Work having arrived the report was made by Mrs. J. D. Withers. On motion it was discussed by Dr. E. E. Bomar, S. P. Hare, of South Carolina, and W. C. Dowd. Report adopted.

A delegation of women of several churches in the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association, with a desire to stimulate the missionary spirit and grace of giving among our women and young people, and to aid in collecting funds for missionary purposes to be disbursed by the boards of the State and Southern Baptist Convention met at Independence Hill one year ago and organized a Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association. A Vice-President and an Executive Committee, consisting of the Presidents of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Charlotte churches, was elected. Hardly knowing all the conditions, surely not knowing its possibilities, only actuated by a realization

of the great master of spiritual talent in our denomination, caused by the failure of our churches to use in every phase of spiritual activity, to train our women and young people for Christian service, the work was entered upon with not a few misgivings, but with a determination to reach as many churches, to organize as many societies, and gain as large a co-operation as possible. The aim of the year's work has been to come in contact with the people, to inform them of our plan of co-operation, and to get them to feel the need of such, to have the Mission literature put into the hands of the missionary leaders, to have them alert as to the workers in the Association, to notify me of such ones and to co-operate with me in getting in touch with the pastors and missionary leaders. To accomplish this meagre amount of work 53 letters and 27 postals have been written; leaflets, pamphlets and other literature distributed, 82; miles traveled, 58; churches visited, 2; Associational meetings held, 1. There has been a steady increase of Societies reporting. The first quarter only eight Societies reported. The quarter just closed 21 Societies reported. During the year the women of this Association have reported to me $1,437.51. The year's work has brought blessings to me, yet, so little has been accomplished this year of the great amount to be done. Truly, I feel that I have been but a pioneer in the work, blazing a few trails that may become main-traveled roads. I commend the work to you. May God's richest blessings rest upon it and upon every phase of the women's work.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. D. WITHERS.

Foreign Missions.

There being no report on Foreign Missions, by request C. E. Mason was asked to address the body, and made an address full of the most valuable information on this great question. Dr. H. H. Hulten has since prepared the report which is as follows:

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

The Foreign Mission Board submits the following for our consideration.

The Foreign Mission situation at the present hour, affords cause for serious consideration, and yet for profound thankfulness. While much has been accomplished, much more remains to be accomplished.

There Is a Misunderstanding.

Many people think that the field has been covered; that the missionaries are waiting on the borders of Tibet for permission to enter, and that when they shall have so entered, then the final piece of world evangelization will have been finished, and the speedy consumation of all things will follow.

I have no views to offer as to when the end of the world is going to take place, but I should like to make a suggestion about that Tibetan heresy. **What are the facts?** There are numerous countries, some of them of enormous territory, that have not yet been occupied by the messengers of the cross. Tibet is by no means the one unentered spot.

(1). **In Asia.**—The following countries are unoccupied: Manchuria, Mongolia, Chinese Turkestan, French Indo-China, Tibet, Afghanistan, parts of Russian Turkestan, Arabia (except a few towns on the coast), and the country east of the River Jordan. These places mentioned represent a population of forty-eight millions!

(2). **In Africa.**—Territory in North Africa and in Central Africa representing seventy millions! That is to say, there is living in unoccupied territory a population, speaking in round numbers, of one hundred and twenty millions! Does that look as if our work was finished?

Besides this, there are many countries that are included in the term "occupied territory" that can be said to be occupied by courtesy only. There are a few missionaries on the field perhaps, but not enough to, in any sense of the word, adequately man the field. At a conservative estimate, therefore, it is safe to say, that there are people, to the extnt of 650,000,000, who have never seen a church, a Bible, or a missionary, and who have never heard that Jesus has come.

We Think We Have Done Enough.

We think that Foreign Missions is progressing very favorably. We say: "Did we not give $12,000,000 for Foreign Missions last year?" |(The United States and Canada gave that amount). "That is doing admirably! Moreover, while the average Protestant preacher in this country added two members to his church-roll, the American Missionary Board added forty-one. The increase in church membership at home was 1 1-2 per cent.; on the foreign field it was 12 per cent. There are two million native Christians and as many more adherents. While in 1909 we increased in our Foreign Mission gifts half a million dollars, the native Christians increased their gifts one and a half million dollars. They gave for their work last year half as much as we gave for Foreign Missions."

And so the impression goes forth that we are doing great things for the lost heathen world. That this idea is a fallacy may be proven by a table of comparison.

We spend on—

Foreign Missions	$12,000,000

We spend on—

Chewing gum	$20,000,000
Millinery	80,000,000
Soft drinks	107,000,000
Tobacco	900,000,000
Liquor	1,700,000,000

Are we doing too much, or even a fair part, for Foreign Missions?

It Is a Critical Moment!

The nations are feeling their way towards independence. Nationalism" is in the air. Me nare saying: "India for Indians," "China for the Chinese," "Egypt for the Egyptians.' If we can leaven the political conceptions of these people with the Christian spirit we can save the day; if not, the result will be disastrous.

Once more! The heathen religious are becoming missionary and aggressive. This is particularly true of Mohammedanism and Buddhism. Mohammedanism is progressing more rapidly in Africa than Christianity is.

Notwithstanding the state of affairs, we are in, the throes of a $90,000 debt. What is the significance of the fact? Does it mean that our Foreign Mission Board is doing too much? That it is too aggressive? By no means! Does it mean retrenchment? No. That debt is simply God speaking to Southern Baptists, and saying: "My people, you are not doing enough for the salvation of the world." Clearly this is so, especially in the light of the statement that our host of two million Baptists did not quite average 22 cents apiece for the Foreign Mission enterprise.

We have only 273 missionaries in the field, with 531 native helpers, making a working force of 804. But what are these among us so many? Surely the situation is a call to more effective praying, toenlarged forces, and to increased giving.

On motion of Dr. E. E. Bomar the Executive Committee was instructed to apportion $2,400 for Foreign Missions among the churches, as asked by the Foreign Mission Board. The motion was adopted.

By motion the Clerk was directed to use $15 for his services and the balance of the minute funds for minutes.

Report of Finance Committee.

Collected for State Missions	$ 65.03
Collected for Home Missions	16.70
Collected for Foreign Missions	20.00
Collected for The Orphaneg	27.00
Collected for Minsterial Education	4.00
Collected for Old Ministers' Relief	5.00
Collected for Minutes and Clerk	28.00
	$170.40

Collected for Sunday School Missions 4.00

JJ. P. HACKNEY,
G. T. BARNHARDT,
S. W. DAVIS,
Committee

A motion was made by L. R. Pruett that the Association extend its thanks to Stough Memorial Church and the people of Pineville for their generous hospitality and splendid entertainment of the Association. Motion unanimously adopted.

Rev. S. F. Conrad moved that Rock Hill and Cold Water Churches be stricken from the list of churches. A substitution was offered by D. M. Austin, which was adopted, that a committee be appointed to visit these churches, and, if possible, reinstate them, and that they report back to the next session of the Association. Moderator appointed S. N. Watson, J. W. Snyder and D. F. Helms.

Committee on Order of Business announced that Rev. L. Johnson would preach at 8 p. m.

On motion the Association then adjourned by singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and closed the session with one of the most cordial hand-shakings, amid many tears, the Association ever experienced.

By common consent the session was regarded one of the best ever held.

Benediction by M. L. Kesler.

A LETTER TO THE CHURCHES.

Dear Brother:—

By reference to the amounts apportioned to the churches we have made only a few changes. We urge that the pastors begin early to raise their mission money, and that a committee be appointed to make a direct, personal canvass and that special effort be made to get every member to contribute to missions. So members giving 5 cents per week would amount to $130.00; 100 members would amount to $260.00. Many members can do more. Let us endeavor to make this year the greatest year in our history. Do not send any money except **Minute Money** up to the Association. Send all money for State, Home and Foreign Missions to Walter Durham, Treasurer, at Raleigh. Send the money for the Orphanage to S. H. Averett, Treasurer, at Thomasville. Let every church try to make a material advance along the whole line. During the year hold Special Mission Rally Days with special addresses on the different objects.

L. R. PRUETT,
E. E. BOMAR,
W. C. DOWD,
T. D. MANNESS,
T. J. RENFROW,
Executive Committee.

APPORTIONMENT S RECOMMENDED FOR THIS ASSOCI ATIONAL YEAR.

Churches:	State Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Relief.	Education.	Orphanage.	Sunday School Missions.
Arlington	$ 15	$ 15	$ 30	$ 2	$ 3	$ 5	$ 10
Clear Creek	15	10	10	1	1	2	10
Cornelius	30	15	25	3	5	2	20
Chadwick	15	10	20	2	5	2	20
First Church, Charlotte	750	1600	1500	10	25	10	300
First Church, Concord	100	50	100	5	5	3	75
McGill St., Concord	25	10	25	3	5	3	25
West Concord	20	15	25	3	5	3	25
Friendship	20	15	40	1	1	1	15
Huntersville	10	5	5	1	1	1	10
Independence Hill	20	10	15	2	2	2	10
Kannapolis	15	10	15	1	1	1	5
Louise	50	20	35	5	5	5	40
Long Creek	10	10	10	2	2	2	10
Matthews	25	10	25	5	3	2	20
Newells	5	10	5	1	2	1	8
Ninth Avenue, Charlotte	105	50	110	5	5	5	85
North Charlotte	30	10	40	1	5	2	10
Oak Grove	25	20	25	2	2	2	15
Pineville	20	10	20	5	5	3	20
Plasant Plain	20	10	10	3	1	2	12
Pritchard Memorial	155	150	350	10	15	10	75
Union Grove	5	5	5	1	1	1	5
Wilson Grove	10	5	10	1	1	1	5

Keep these figures before your Church and get every member committed to a definite amount to pay weekly or monthly.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches.	astors and Their Addresses.	Clerks and Their Addresses.	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter.	Restoration.	Total Received.	Lost by Letter.	Exclusion.	By Death	Total.	Net Gain.	Lost.	Membership, Males.	Membership, Females.	Total Membership.
Arlongton	J. E. M. Davenport, Matthews	W. A. Connell, Charlotte, R. F	14	14	..	28	15	1	2	18	10	..	156	147	303
Clear Creek	A. C. Davis, Olive Branch ..	L. S. Pigg, Unionville	...	...	1	1	1	..	..	...	...	..	51	65	116
Cold Water	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	....	....	....
Cornelius	W. A. Hough, Cornelius	D. C. Kennedy, Cornelius ...	27	13	3	43	...	..	..	...	43	..	64	93	157
Chadwick	J. R. Pace, Charlotte, Chad.	C. H. Bogan, (Charwick,) Ch	4	44	..	48	22	..	..	22	26	..	43	79	122
Charlotte (First Church)	Dr. H. H. Hulten, Charlotte .	J. A. Durham, Charlotte ...	39	81	8	128	60	..	3	63	65	..	....	....	967
Charlotte (Pritchard Memorial)	Dr. E. E. Bomar, Charlotte .	J. J. Ezell, Charlotte	18	26	2	46	14	4	2	20	26	..	98	190	288
Charlotte (Ninth Ave.)	L. R. Pruett, Charlotte	Fred S. Conrad, Charlotte .	32	28	..	60	27	..	3	30	30	..	....	....	487
Charlotte (Louise)	J. C. Gillespie, Charlotte ...	Josiah Allen, Charlotte	3	22	..	25	18	3	3	24	1	..	100	137	237
Charlotte (North)	S. F. Conrad, Charlotte	B. F. Cato, North Charlotte .	3	4	2	9	24	2	..	26	...	17	38	91	129
Concord (First Church)	S. N. Watson, Concord	Dr. H. C. Herring, Concord .	3	19	2	24	15	2	4	21	3	..	82	149	231
Concord (McGill Street)	D. F. Helms, Charlotte	J. P. Crowell, Concord	11	11	6	28	34	8	2	44	...	16	67	111	178
Concord (West)	J. W. Snyder, Concord	W. F. Stegall, Concord R. F.	54	30	4	85	10	17	4	31	54	..	78	120	198
Friendship	K. W. Hogan, Pineville	Covington Garrison, Charlotte	3	1	..	4	...	1	..	1	3	..	11	25	36
Huntersville	W. A. Hough, Cornelius	S. L. Mullen, Huntersville ..	2	3	..	5	2	..	..	2	3	..	9	12	21
Independence Hill	W. A. Hough, Cornelius	D. E. Kennedy, Cornelius ...	6	...	1	7	6	..	1	7	...	..	21	47	68
Kannapolis	.....	C. W. Right, Kannapolis ...	3	10	..	13	8	..	..	8	5	..	28	39	68
Long Creek	K. W. Hogan, Pineville	J. S. Underwood, Paw Creek	4	...	..	4	3	..	..	3	1	..	21	34	55
Matthews	.....	W. L. Hatfield, Matthews ...	...	1	..	1	15	..	..	15	...	14	44	65	109
Newell	R. M. Hagler, Mint Hill	W. C. Sutton, Newell	2	...	..	2	8	..	1	9	...	7	6	10	16
Oak Grove	K. W. Hogan, Pineville	W. E. Smith, Pineville	7	4	1	12	...	..	..	...	12	..	....	....	65
Pleasant Plain	J. E. M. Davenport, Matthews	J. E. Broom, Matthews	15	12	2	29	3	..	1	4	25	..	88	72	160
Rock Hill	.....	.....	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	....	....	....
Stough Memorial	K. W. Hogan, Pineville	M. G. Hair, Pineville	4	12	..	16	13	1	1	15	1	..	35	72	107
Union Grove	W. A. Hough, Cornelius ...	Hampton Hasting, Hunt'sville	7	2	..	9	3	..	..	3	6	..	13	14	27
Wilson Grove	R. M. Hagler, Charlotte r.f.d.	W. H. Mullis, Charlotte, R. F.	1	3	..	4	...	..	1	1	3	..	29	38	67
			259	340	32	631	301	39	28	367	317	54	1082	1610	4222

FINANCIAL TABLE

Churches:	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals.	Sunday School Expenses.	The Poor.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Missions.	Orphanage.	Colportages.	Colleges and
Arlington	200.00	9.35	49.29	21.05	6.80	5.00	9.61	29.87	.....	2.50	....	..
Clear Creek	100.00	.....	11.00	.....	10.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	.....	10.00	....	..
Cold Water	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	..
Cornelius	275.00	237.58	20.35	21.91	70.27	30.05	7.00	12.00	.....	29.52	....	
Chadwick	300.00	360.48	50.36	45.64	.....	17.07	11.50	17.00	2.00	27.73	....	
Charlotte, First Shurch	3,980.00	2,054.93	2,786.47	979.32	75.00	365.30	1,011.35	1,328.80	.....,	355.16	....	..
Charlotte Pritchard Memorial	1,650.00	337.92	656.27	155.78	26.00	115.00	169.82	204.41	.....	88.61	....	
Charlotte, Ninth Ave.	1,500.00	505.40	359.67	150.00	8.25	103.51	58.35	29.00	.....	52.44	....	1
Charlotte, Louise	800.00	22.60	72.04	111.97	28.30	39.75	22.39	31.74	.....	49.95	....	
Charlotte, North	161.64	1,018.71	36.98	50.00	.....	20.50	5.25	60.25	1.00	5.69	....	..
Concord, First Church	900.00	177.70	228.90	253.00	25.00	60.60	45.00	59.05	3.00	111.10	....	..
Concord, McGill Street.	809.25	.....	62.20	76.56	.....	25.00	12.34	18.06	.....	42.45	....	..
Concord, West.	335.28	348.83	78.46	133.48	25.00	20.00	14.45	17.10	.....	22.58	....	.
Friendship	100.00	.....	.....	11.60	.....	23.00	12.25	38.00	.....	14.95	....	
Huntersville	40.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	1.47	.....	.....	7.50	....	...
Independence Hill	135.00	633.30	1.32	9.51	.....	14.00	6.50	10.95	1.00	10.00	....	.
Kannapolis					.....	10.00	5.00	10.00	1.00	5.00	....	.
Long Creek	100.00	.....	20.50	12.00	.....	10.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	10.00	....	
Matthews.	200.00	3.75	28.00	12.00	.....	20.00	10.00	10.00	.....	15.00	....	.
Newell	50.00	3.75	.....	1.00	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.
Oak Grove	300.00	60	18.65	23.00	.....	21.02	14.90	13.20	.....	3.05	....	.
Plaesant Plain	200.00	.....	.....	8.00	.....,	17.00	6.00	5.00	.....	11.00	....	.
Stough Memorial	150.00	529.67	60.16	47.38	18.80	20.00	10.00	10.00	3.00	10.00	....	.
Rock Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.
Union Grove	60.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.37	2.50	2.50	.....	2.50	....	.
Wilson's Grove.	125.00	78.00	19.00	3.05	13.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	....	.
	$12,831.17	6,818.82	$4,565.57	$2,147.79	$306.42	$964.17	$1,449.10	$1,935.40	$14.00	$891.27	....	$

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE, REPORTED IN LETTERS

Churches.	Superintendents and Addresses.	Secretaries and Addresses.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Baptized From School.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	No. of Schools.	Months Kept Open.	Vols. in Library.
Arlington	F. A. Hamilton, Charlotte, R. F. D. 11	L. J. Mullis, Charlotte, R. F. D. 11	8	134	142	51	1	100	1	12	..
Clear Creek	H. W. Pigg, Unionville, R. F. D. 1	J. S. Pigg, Unionville, No. 1	6	75	81	45	..	250	1	9	.
Cold Water			...	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	..
Cornelius	D. E. Kennedy, Cornelius	D. W. Speaks, Cornelius	9	125	134	65	10	134	1	12	..
Chadwick	J. S. Wallace, Chadwick Sta., Charlotte	Miss Bessie Brinkley, Chadwick	9	206	215	125	1	200	1	12	..
Charlotte (First Church)	W. C. Dowd, Charlotte	Bruce Howell, Charlotte	36	775	811	406	..	2000	1	12	..
Charlotte (Ninth Ave.)	Fred S. Conrad, Charlotte	J. B. McKoy, Charlotte	17	250	267	145	13	...	1	12	..
Charlotte (Pritchard Mem.	W. F. Dowd, Charlotte	J. H. Fidler, Charlotte	16	300	316	196	25	800	1	12	..
Charlotte (Louise)	Marion J. Green, Charlotte	G. R. Williams, Charlotte	13	300	313	139	3	400	1	12	..
Charlotte (North)	B. F. Cato, North Charlotte	W. H. Austin, North Charlotte	8	200	208	150	3	300	1	12	40
Concord (First Church)	Dr. H. C. Herring, Concord		19	244	253	135	2	429	2	12	150
Concord (McGill Street)	J. P. Shunkle, Concord	W. B. Hagler, Concord	12	159	171	154	6	195	1	12	..
Concord (West)	W. F. Stegall, Concord, R. F. D. 6	R. P. Hill, Concord, R. 1	16	250	266	140	25	330	1	12	..
Friendship	Covington Garrison, Charlotte, RFD. 12	L. W. Walker, Charlotte, R. F. D. 4	4	23	27	15	1	70	1	12	..
Huntersville	S. L. Mullen, Huntersville		...	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	..
Independence Hill	H B Blackman, Huntersville, Route 21.	C. S. Davis, Charlotte, R. 7	6	70	76	47	2	80	1	12	..
Kannapolis	J. P. Moon, Kannapolis	C. W. Wright, Kannapolis	8	125	133	65	..	160	1	12	..
Long Creek	F. T. Beaty, Paw Creek	Bernard Beaty, Paw Creek	5	35	40	29	1	70	1	12	..
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	E. A. Funderburg, Matthews	8	65	73	45	..	125	1	12	..
Newell	W. F. Sutton, Newell	Bertha Austin, Newell	5	15	20	20	..	24	1	12	..
Oak Grove	B. M. Potts, Pineville R. F. D. 15	H. M. Blackwelder, Pineville, R. R. 1	7	35	42	35	2	70	1	12	..
Pleasant Plain	J. E. Broom, Matthews		7	50	57	30	2	360	1	12	..
Rock Hill			...	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	..
Stough Memorial	McLain Stroupe, Pineville	Miss Mary Culp, Pineville	15	100	115	70	4	127	7	12	..
Union Grove			...	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	..
Wilson Grove	W. H. Mullis, Charlotte, R. F. D. 9	W. S. Mullis, Charlotte, R. F. D. 11	8	50	58	45	..	60	1	9	..
			227	3586	3818	2152	111	6284	23	253	190

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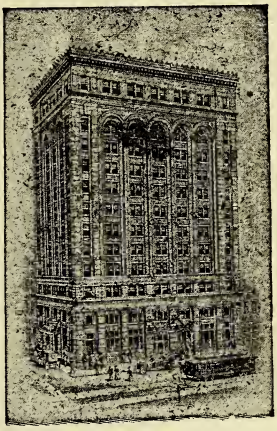
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Minutes

of the

Twenty-Seventh Annual Session

of the

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus

Association

Held With

First Baptist Church, Concord, North Carolina

September 11th, and 12th, 1912.

The next session will be held with the Matthews Church, Tuesday night before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1913. Rev. W. A. Smith to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. E. C. Andrews alternate.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE ASSOCIATION

Austin, Rev. D. M.	Charlotte, N. C.
Andrews, Rev. E. C.	Kannappolis, N. C.
Conrad, Rev. S. F.	Charlotte, N. C.
Combs, Rev. A. S.	(Chadwick) Charlotte, N. C.
Davis, Rev. W. H.	Pineville, N. C.
Davenport, Rev. J, E. M.	Pineville, N. C.
Flanders, Rev. W. N.	Hendersonville, N. C.
Gillespie, Rev. J. C.	Charlotte, N. C.
Gower, Rev. C. E.	Charlotte, N. C.
Hulten, Rev. H. H.	Charlotte, N. C.
Hagler, Rev. B. M.	Mint Hill, N. C.
Helms, Rev. D. F.	(Belmont) Charlotte, N. C.
Hough, Rev. W. A.	Cornelius, N. C.
Pruett, Rev. L. R.	Charlotte, N. C.
Pace, Rev. J. R.	Chadwick, Charlotte, N. C.
Roggers, Rev. J. L.	Concord, N. C.
Snyder, Rev. J. W.	Concord, N. C.
Watson, Rev. S. N.	Concord, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. L. R. Pruett, W. C. Dowd, T. J. Renfrow, T. D. Manness

and Rev. W. A. Smith.

Clerk of Association

Rev. S, F. Conrad, Charlotte

Treasurer, J. J. Ezell.

BY-LAWS

1—The daily session of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2—Delegatas shall be recognized by letters from their churches, designating them as such.

3—The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers or the delegates of newly-received Churches by extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

4—The Clerk shall provide blank letters for the use of the Churches of the Association previous to the meeting of the Association, superintend the publication and distribution of the minutes, preserve a file of them and have it present at each annual session, read the proceedings of the preceeding session at the beginning of each morning session, and the last day's proceedings at the close of the annual session.

5—Members desiring to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator; Shall use the term "Brother," in speaking to each other; shall not speak on the same subject more than twice without permission, and shall observe the courtesy that becomes Christians.

6—Members shall not absent themselves from the session without permission of the Associatian.

7—A copy of the Minutes shall be sent to the Secretary or the State Mission Board, also a copy to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one to the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, and one to the Field Secretary for Sunday Schools in North Carolina.

8—All questions of order not herein provided shall be decided by "Parliamentaay Law."

9—The report of the Executive Board and the missionary work of the Association with short reports from the missionaries shall take precedence of all other business during the morning session of the second day of the anuual session.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The general order of business shall be:

(1) Enrollment of delegates.
(2) Election of officers.
(3) Petitionary letters.
(4) Appointment of committees for this season.
(5) Appointment of standing committees.
(6) Report of special committees.
(7) Reports of standing committees.
(8) Report of other committees.
(9) Miscellaneous business.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

To Prepare Reports

State Missions	Rev. S. N. Watson.
Home Missions	Rev. W. A. Smith.
Foreign Missions	Rev. E. C. Andrews.
Orphanage	Rev. J. C. Gillespie.
Periodicals	Rev. J. L. Rogers.
Sunday Schools	Rev. J. W, Whittey.
Education	Rev. D. M, Austin
Temperance	Rev. W. H. Davis.

SOME IMPORTANT NOTES TO REMEMBER

Do not send any but your Minute money to the Association.

Send all other money for Home State and Foreign Missions, and Education Sunday School Missions and Old Ministers Relief direct to Walter Durham Treasurer at Raleigh.

Include your net gain in membership in the totals of membership.—So your Grand total will include all of your members.

Give value of your church property in the beak of your letter in place marked for it, and the amount sent up for Minutes.

Take time in making out your letters so as to be accurate in your statements.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION

The 27th annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association was held with the First Baptist church of Concord beginning at 11 o'clock A. M. Sept. 11th. 1912.

The following churches composing the Association were represented by delegates, whose names are here recorded.

Arlington—No letter

Clear Creek—No letter

Cornelius—C. A. Hudspeth, T. B. White, R. D. Mooney.

Chadwick—Will Stephenson.

Charlotte, First Church—W. C. Dowd, J. P. Hackney. Rev. C. E. Gower

Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial—W. F. Dowd, J. J. Ezell, Rev. D. M. Austin.

Charlotte, Ninth Avenue—Rev. L. R. Pruett, W. J. Fite, D. W. Fink, R.J. Boyd, Fred S. Conrad.

Charlotte, Louise—Rev. C. F. Helms, Rev. J. C. Gillespie, J. W. Hasty, A. B. Hays.

Charlotte, North—Rev. S. F. Conrad, Miss Virginia Austin, Miss Ottie Cato.

Concord, First Church—A. W. Morgan, T. L. Lentz, B. McLester T. D. Manness

Concord, McGill Street—A. L. Howell, F. P. Smith, D. R. Henderson.

Concord, West—T. V. Talbirt.

Friendship—L. W. Walker.

Huntersville—No delegate.

Independence Hill—J. R. McCurdy, Wm. Holton, J. A. Atkins, I. B. Flowers, M. C. Groves.

Kannapolis—E. F. Carter, H. W. Owens, Rev. E. C. Andrews, J. W. Fisher, J. W. White.

Long Creek—W. W. Austin, J. S. Underwood.

Matthews—T. J, Renfrow.

Newell—No delegates.

Oak Grove—J. P. Stroupe, W. A. Edwards Jr., H. M. Blackwelder, W. A. McKinney.

Pleasant Plain—Rev. J. J. McLendon.

Stough Memorial—E. J. Price.

Union Grove—Hampton Hastings, Clayton Hager.

Wilson Grove—W. G. Stegall, W. R. Small, J. A. Kestler.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator W. C. Dowd and prayer was made by Rev. D. M. Austin of Charlotte.

On motion of Rev. J. R. Pace it was decided to defer the introductory sermon to the session at night. The association then proceeded to the election of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. W. C. Dowd, who has served the association for ten years declined re-election, stating that he had held the place as long as he thought he should hold it. After several attempts to elect some one else and all declining to accept, upon the motion of Rev. S. N. Watson W. C. Dowd was elected, but with a protest announcing that he would accept the place only for this year.

On motion Rev. S. F. Conrad was re-elected Clerk.

On motion J. J. Ezell was re-elected Treasurer,

The Moderator appointed Rev. S. N. Watson, W. F. Dowd and, Rev. J. R Pace to prepare a report of order of business.

Pending the preperation of their report, the Moderator recognized Rev. J. M. Greer, pastor of the Presbyterian church in the congregation and welcomed him to the sessions of the Association. Rev. W. A. Smith, the newly elected pastor of Pritchard Memorial church was welcomed as one of the new pastors to the association. Rev. E. C. Andrews of Kannapolis, Rev. J. L. Rogers McGill Street, Concord and Rev. W. H. Davis, Pineville, who are also new pastors in the body were welcomed to the assodiation.

Rev. W. C. Tyree of High Point and representative of the Foreign Mission board was recognized and welcomed to the body.

Rev. J. D. Jameson of Mississippi, representing the Moody Library as traveling salesman, was recognized and welcomed to the body. Rev. J. J. Beach of Gastonia, was welcomed as a visitor to the association. Rev. W. R. Beach, representing the Biblical Recorder was recognized and welcomed to the sessions of the association.

A PARTIAL REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

The committee on order of business submitted the follow ing partial report.

1 Association to meet at 2:30 P. M.
2 Devotional exercises to be led by Rev. J. C. Gillespie.
3 2:45 Report on Periodicals.
4 3:45 Report on Temperance.
5 7:30 Introductory sermon by Rev. L. R. Pruett.
6 8:15 Report on Foreign Missions,

Association adjourned with benediction by Rev. C. E. Gower.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Association met at 2:30 P. M. Devotional exercises were led by Rev. J. C. Gillespie.

The report on Periodicals was then read and discussed by Rev. J. R. Pace, Rev. W. R. Beach and S. F. Conrad, and on motion was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

This is a reading age. People are reading more than ever before. More cheap books are being sold. Cheap papers are being broadcasted over the country as never before. This is an age of great activity. People rush from one thing to another. They snatch up the daily paper and read what time they have to spare, or spend their time reading some cheap book ar magazine, bnt many of our Baptist people never read our denominational periodicals. The Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, The Foreign Mission Journal and The Home Field should be read regularly by every Baptist. They contain information that no Baptist can afford to be without. Information about the work of our denomination makes stronger and more useful baptists. There is no way of estimating the loss to our cause by the failure of our people to read our denominational papers. Is there not some way to get more of our people to read our papers named above?

J. R. Pace

In connection with the report Rev, S. F. Conrad offered the fol. lowing resolution, which was adopted. Whereas the.e is an alarm ing lack of information by many of us to our work, many of our young members being almost wholly ignorant as to what we are doing, and greatly need the information given in our papers and whereas, conditions demand that some agressive steps should be taken to awaken a deeper interest in reading our Baptist papers Therefore, Resolved, that we recomend that our pastors have special Rally Day services and practical addresses made on the importance ot our literature in connection with our work, and that special effort be made in all our churches to extend the circulation of the Biblical Recorder.

The report on Temperance was read and discussed by Rev. S. F. Conrad after which the report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

In our report a year ago we noted that commendable progress had been made in law enforcement, and in the punishment of evil doers, and in the suppression of the liquor traffic. We are glad to note that there has been no going backward in temperance reform and the drink evil. In Mecklenburg county especially most advanced steps have been taken, and in the suppression of the clubs and the elimination of liquor from the drug stores has been most beneficial in effect. Sentiment is growing throughout the country and the good effects of prohibition in the state is being felt in every department of business. Patronage in the public schools has greatly increased, public morals have been improved and the appearance of a man intoxicated attracts more attention than ever before, because of its less frequent appearance. The Year Book of the U. S. Brewers association for 1911 contains some most significant facts and figures as illustrative of the good effects of prohibitihn. It states that in the Prohibition states, some of which prohibition is only partial, that the consumtion of intoxicating liquors per capita is 1.35 gallons, while in licensed states, grouping them all together, the consumption is 35.23 per capita. In some of these license states as in New York, it runs up to 45.35 per capita and in Wisconsin as high as 64 gallons. So the ratio of consumption stands 35.23 to 135 where prohibition prevails. So when you hear it said that more liquor is sold now than ever before in this state, you pronounce it a lie with a big "L", the liquor dealers themselves being witnesses. Let eternal vigilance be our watchword and every pastor and church member keep before the people, the ruinous effects of strong drink, and keep up the fight against it.

S. F. Conrad

Rev. S. N. Watson for the committee on order of business offered a further report which after much discussion was referred back to the committee to report to the session tonight. Association then adjourned until 7:45.

NIGHT SESSION

The association met according to appointment at 7:45 P .M. and the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. L. R. Pruett of Charlotte, from Hosea 8:2. I have written unto them the great things of my law, in which a paralell was drawn in the sin of Ephraim and the present times in the spiritof intense worldliness, pleasure seeking, and forgetfulness of God.

After the sermon the Moderator called thd association to order and the report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. D. M. Austin

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We are informed now as never before as to the conditions tn our Foreign Mission work. We have clear pungent facts acquainting us with the needs of all the people. We have an open Bible that we may carry everywhere under the assurance of lawful protection. Do we read aright the spirit of Christ as revealed to us in the Bible. It is in evidence that the early disciples of our Lord felt impelled to go every where preaching the gospel. The command to them doubtless looked clear and plain. They did marvelous things, although they were few in number and financialy poor. We have large numbers, great wealth, and ample information; and it looks as if we are doing comparatively little. Of our 21,296 churches 11,178 contributed last year to Foreign Missions, 10,118 did not contribute. This state of things hardly indicates that we are suited to wear the livery of Missionary Baptists.

I submit that in my judgment that our greatest weakness is the want of the spirit of missions.

The report was discussed by Rev. D. M. Austin, Rev. J. D. Jameson and Dr. W. C. Tyree the vice President of the Foreign Mission Board. This was an intensely interesting discussion, and it was unfortunate that a subject of such momentous importance could not have had a clear field as to time and hour.

Report was adopted.

REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

The committee on order of business completed its report and made following order for tomorrow.

Meet at 9:00 A. M.

Devotional exercises to be led by Rev. W. H. Davis.

10,00 A. M. Ministerial Relief.

10:30 A. M. Digest of Church Letters.

11;00 A. M. State Missions.

11;45 Secondary Schools.

12:30 Adjournment.

Meet at 2-30 P. M-

2:45 Report on the Orphanage.

3:30 Home Missions.

4:15 Miscellaneous.

7:30 Devotional exercises led by Rev. D. F. Helms.

7,45 Education—Address by President W. L. Poteat of Wake Forest College.

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. L. R. Pruett took the chair and welcomed to seats in the body, Rev. L. Johnson, Secretary of the Board of Missions and President W. L. Poteat of Wake Forest College. Association then adjourned with prayer by Rev L. Johnson.

THURSDAY SESSION

The association met at 9 A. M. and was led in devotional exercises by Rev. W. H. Davis. In the absense of the Moderator, Rev. L. R. Pruett was called to the chair. The clerk read the minutes of the association for the afternoon and night of yesterday, which was approved.

The following committees were then announced.

To nominate delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—Rev. W. H. Davis, R. J. Connell and W. R. Small.

To nominate delegates to State Convention—J. J. McLendon, A. B. Hays and J. S. Underwood.

Time and Place of next meeting, and Preacher—Rev. D. F. Helms, Rev. J. W. Snyder and Dr. H. C. Herring.

Finance Committee—J. J. Ezell, D. W. Fink and J- W. Hasty.

To prepare reports for next session.

State Missions—Rev. S. N. Watson.

Home Missons—Rev. W. A. Smith.

Foreign Missions—Rev. E. C. Andrews.

Orphanage—Rev. J. C. Gillespie.
Sunday Schools—Rev. W. A. Hough.
Education—Rev. D. M. Austin.
Temperance—Rev. W. H. Davis.
Old Ministers Relief—Rev. J. W. Snyder.
Secondary Schools—Rev. J. W. Whitley.
Womans Work—Mrs. J. D. Withers.

No report being ready on Sunday Schools, the report on Ministerial Relief was read by Rev. J. W. Snyder.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The Baptist Ministers Relief Board was instituted 22 years ago. The object of this Board is to afford relief to needy Baptist ministers of North Carolina and their widows. There are at present thirty-five beneficiaries. But there are several applications before the board, showing that the gradual increase of the number of beneficiaries will continue. These beneficiaries receive from forty to two hundred dollars a year. Many of them need more. Some of them have no means of support except the amount they receive from the Board. It should be the desire and effort of every Baptist of the State that not one of those who have been worthy proclaimers of Gods truth should suffer for the actual necessities of life. All mony for this Board should be sent to the Treasurer of the Convention. Application for aid must receive the endorsement of the Moderator and Executive Committee of the Association in which the applicant resides, and also of the pastor of the one applying for aid. To entitle a minister or his widow to help from the Board, he must be a Baptist minister of North Carolina, or if not a native, he must have served as pastor or evangelist for five years prior to his application. The applicant is required to inform the Board of his physical or mental disability for active service; of what private means of support he or his wife has, and as to what amount will supply his actual necessities. In most cases the Board is entirely dependent upon the Pastor, the Moderator and the Executive Committee for information concerning applicatians. The brethren should always investigate before giving their endorsement. In many cases those who are most worthy and most needy do not apply. The Pastors and officers of the Association where these old brethren live, should look after them and inform the Board of their condition. The work of the Board has been most highly appreciated by those who have received its benefits. We further recommend that every church in our Association take a collection for this cause on the nearest Sunday to Christmas, so that the blessing of a generous gift may bring gladness and joy to our aged ones.

The report was discussed by Rev, J, M. Arnette the Secretary oi the Board and Rev. J, R- Pace, and adopted.

The report was read and discussed by Rev. S. F. Conrad, Rev. C. E, Gower, D. M. Austin and Dr. W, L. Poteat-

REPORT

In reporting on the work of the year, we can only approximate the aggregate of contributions as four of the churches failed to send in their letters, viz; Arlington, Clear Creek, First Cnurch, Charlotte and Newell.

From the figures reported in the letters in hand we have made a material advance over the work of last year making a decided gain in baptisms and membership. The letters report 296 against 259 last year. Our net gain last year was 263, this year it is 300, with the above churches to hear from.

Note; The letter of the First Church was sent to the association but by oversight was not handed in, so the corrected figures are made here as to our linances. We gave last year for State Missions $964.17, this year we gave $1093.33. We gave last year for Home Missions $1449.10, this year $1293.10. We gave last year for Foreign Missions, $2209.33. this year $2350 51. Last year we gave for the Orphanage $891.27, this year $829.69. With three missing churches to hear from which will increase these figures somewhat

To the smaller objects many of our churches fail to contrbute. To Education twelve gave nothing, and seven gave nothing for the Old Ministers. Eleven gave nothing for Sunday School Missious. Among these we find some of our strongest churches.

It should be to us a matter of pride that Kannappolis, our youngest mission leads the procession in increase in membership, reporting a net gain of 122, with 98 baptisms, the largest number reported from any church.

S. F. Conrad

Report adopted.

The report on State Missions was read by S. F. Conrad for Rev. L. R, Pruett and discussed by Rev. L. R. Pruett and Rev. L. Johnson Secretary of the State Mission Board.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

As we discern the sign of the times, the more we are impressed with the importance of preaching the gospel to all the people. There are the signs of the vastly increased intelligence, of the intense pursuit of pleasure, of the pressure of business and of the demand for a moral, rather than a spiritual preaching. A spiritual gospel is the supreme need of the age.

The reasons for preaching the gospel in North Carolina and in all the States; are very evident. The Word of God is a call to us to preach the gospel at home. Our Lord said: "That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all

the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.', The great apostle, though he heard the "Macedonian cry," said: I say the truth in Christ, I lie not. my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,"

The apparent decline in conviction in things Christian, is a call for continued effort in preaching the gospel of Christ. The fact that North Carolina and all of America should be made and kept Christian, is a tremendous reason for preaching the gospel in every section of the State and country. It means not only the strength of the kingdom at home but a more liberal support and enlargement of our Foreign Mission work.

As far as we can see now, there will never come a time when there will be no need for the State Mission Board. With an increased material, social, commercial, and intellectual prosperity abroad in the land, the work of State Missions will go on, in one way or another, to the end.

As far as the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association is concerned, the work of the board will continue for many years to come. A great deal has been done but there is much unoccupied territory within our bounds. Eighteen years ago there were only three resident pastors in the whole association. now there are fourteen. During the last eighteen years, nineteen new churches have been organized, making a little more than one church each year. Many of these churches, perhaps none would have come into existence but for the aid of the board. There is one thing to which the special attention of our churches needs to be directed, that is, the importance of making larger contributions to State Missions. Last year the association gave $1,936.40 to Foreign Missions, $1,449.10 to Home Missions and only $64.17 to State Missions. We are all sure that we are not doing too much for Foreign anc Home Missions, but are we doing our duty by State Missions? Let us not give less to our Boards at Richmond and Atlanta but let us stand by our Board at Raleigh, with an increased liberality.

L. R. Pruett

Following the report Rev. S. F. Conrad moved that the thanks of the association be extended to Brother Johnson for the strong address made, and with a request that the facts and figures so striking and relevant be given for a place in the minutes of the association. Motion adopted.

EXTRACTS FROM SPEECH OF REV. L. JOHNSON

State Missions has put North Carolina in the front rank, numerically. 48 per cent of the christian population is Baptist. There are 230,007 white Baptists in the state.

	1902	1912
Number of Baptists	173,668	230,007
Contributed to Missions	23,611.54	128,285.48
Increase in membership in ten years		35 per cent
Increase in contributions in ten years		140 per cent

Comparison between Northern and Southern Baptists, Territory covered by Northern Convention twice as large as that covered by Southern, and much richer, yet Southern Baptists are extending twice as much in State Mission work as Northern Baptists

In the South one out ot every five is a Baptist.
In the North one out of every fifty five is a Baptist.
From 1902 to 1912 Northern Baptists gained 14 per cent.
From 1902 to 1912 Southern Baptists gained 33 per cent.

REPORT ON SECONDARY SCHOOLS

No report being ready and upon request of G. E. Lineberry that a report of the Wingate School be incorporated in the minutes to be supplied by the Trustees of the school was accepted.

THE REPORT OF THE WINGATE SCHOOL

The Board of Trustees of The Wingate School appreciates the privilege of submitting this report. For sixteen years we have been maintaining an institution with a grade desirable in every way. Every year seems to be the best year of the school. Without ample equipment and with little expense the school has done telling work.

Last year the enrollment reached 306. including 91 boarding students and six ministerial students. Four states and sixteen counties were represented. In March a meeting was held with the church here which resulted in thirty-six baptisms all of whom were students in school except one. This fall fourteen students left for college, and were received by the leading colleges of the South without examination. This session has opened better than any previous one. The present enrollment is 250, including 73 boarding students. The school is doing a fine work for this section of the state.

Its growth demanded a modern brick building. The Trustees and friends of the school erected a new building, comprising six recitation rooms, two society halls, an auditorium, an office and a

library. The building was completed Nov. 11, 1911 at a cost of $12,776 73. New equipment was $537.61. The present value of building and equipment is $16,000. The school lot of 20 acres is valued at $4,000. Total value of property is $20,000. The indebtness is $10,100. Notes in hand amount to $4,032. Subscriptions unsecured amount to $1,000. The part of the debt unprovided for in any way is $5.068. This debt must be removed. Once more our appeal is to the loyalty and the liberality of the churches of association and to the friends of the school.

J. L. Bennett,
Chm. Board of Trustees.

J. W. Bivens,
Secretary.

The subject of seccondary schools was most ably discussed by Rev. D. M. Austin, J. J. McLenden, C. D. Manness and G. E. Lineberry Secretary of denominational schools. Pending the discussion Prof. Walter Thompson of the Jackson Training School near Concord was recognized and welcomed to the association. By request of Rev. D. M. Austin Rev. J. R. Pace led in a most earnest prayer for our young people.

By permission of the Moderator Rev. E. C. Andrews made some further remarks on the question of schools. Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. F. Davis.

EVENING SESSION

The report on the orphanage was read by Rev. W. A. Hough and discussed by Rev. M. L. Kesler the General Manager of the Orphanage and Rev. J. L. Rogers after which it was adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

The Baptists of North Carolina should be proud of the record of our Orphanage for the past year. God has blessed the institution with the highest blessings. Unusual good health and no death is the record according to report of General Manager. With the improved facilities for caring for the children who get sick together with the skillful management, sickness has been reduced almost to a minimum.

Because the institutution has been almost free from any serious disease there has been practically no interruptions in its work and with no serious interruptions the years work has been above the average. The work in all departments has shown a marked progress.

The school work, with another teacher added to its worthy corps has been far more satisfactory than ever before.

The religious life of the institution has made hopeful progress.

During the year 53 have been baptized. The meeting held by Pastor Martin assisted by Bro. T. H. King, together with the informal services of Bro. Martin held once a week at some house on grounds, the spiritual life of the institution has been greatly quickened. Nineteen of the boys and girls have taken the teachers training course given by the Sunday School Board.

Progress in all other departments of training has been gratifying. The very nature of the work of the Orphanage appeals to the tenderest chords of love and sympathy. The love we have for our children is closest akin to our love for God: and all of us, to some extent, at least are drawn towards this institution which, as far as can be, furnishes parental love and care for orphaned and helpless children. No one would say that he does not love our Orphanage But this love must be manifested in more than words: more than sympathy, more than prayers and tears. The Orphanage needs these but it needs more.

We parents know that we cannot feed, clothe and educate our children on sympathy alone.

Just so with the family of 375 children at Thomasville it requires toil, care and much planning and much hard work to meet the needs of your home life. Likewise it requires an outlay of nearly $109. each day to keep our family at the orphanage comfortable and happy.

As our families have their daily needs so the Orphanage has its daily need,

Like all our denominational interests, the orphanage work is growing in importance every day and therefore its demands for support are increasing.

We would recommend, therefore, that our churches show their love for the Orphanage by increasing their contributions as demands increase.

That our Sunday Schools emphasize their monthly collections for the orphanage and that every Sunday School take "Charity and Children" in a club.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. A. Hough.

The report on Home Missions was read by Rev. J. M. Kester and after an extenned discussion by him it was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

It is declared that the meeting of the Home Board last July was the most representative it has ever had. We learn that thirteen of the State Vice-Presidents were present and participated in making up the budget for the year and planning the work. Evidently the Vice Presidents contributed much to the occasion and it was the enthusiastic conviction of those present that to supply the urgent demands for help that came up from all over the South the

Board could not do less than it was empowered to do, and then put its faith in the brethren every where that they will come up to the help of this great cause and raise every dollar of the apportionment, remembering that the work is not the work of the Home Board but of Baptist brethren throughout the South.

The watchword of the Home Board is Forward! and it has planned a distinctly aggressive campaign for the present year. Besides the regular work steps forward were taken in two ways:

The first was in conformity to the instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention that the Board at once should take steps to raise a $1,000,000 church Building Loan Fund. It was decided to complete the raising of this Fund within three years and to employ special workers for this purpose at the earliest possible moment. There are 3,000 or more houseless Baptist churches in our territory and in hundreds of these the establishment of strong centers for Christ and his truth only awaits some aid in erecting church houses.

The second large step taken was in response to repeated reports of the Board to the Southern Baptist Convention and repeated committee reports before that body calling for the Home Board to put forth larger efforts to help in training and enlisting backward churches. This note, first sounded in recent years by the lamented Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, has become stronger and stronger until now several of the State Boards have made requests of the Home Board for aid in this work. At its July meeting the Board ordered the establishment of a Department of Enlistment and Cooperation and provided for the election of a special representative to labor in this Department.

We believe that in this movement there are prospective blessings for Southern Baptists and their usefullness that are almost beyond our conception. It looks to "teaching them to observe all things" as well as to saving the lost and baptizing the converted. It will provide for helping to train the churches more fully in all the ways of the Lord as well as enlisting them in larger giving.

Our Board is leading Southern Baptist in a worthy way in the great and fundamental work of saving the South. Your committee warmly commends it and its work to the prayers and enthusiastic and liberal support of the churches in our Association. We recommend:

1.—That clubs of subscribers be raised in every church for The Home Field, the splendid monthly of the Board. Price 35 cents, single copies, or 25 cents in clubs of five or more.

2.—That pastors and workers secure and read the Board's instructive new book, "The Home Mission Task," Price 50 cents in cloth, 10 cents extra for postage; 35 cents in paper, 7 cents extra for postage.

3.—That large use be made of the varied and helpful tracts of the Board, which are mailed free on application.

4.—That this Association provide for apportioning among its churches the amount we are asked to raise for Home Missions this year.

5.—That all of our pastors be requested to preach upon this great cause at least once during the year. The Board will gladly furnish material for special study of pastors on request.

Committee to nominate delegates to Southern Baptist Couvention reported that Rev. L. R. Pruett be selected as the delegate and Rev. S. F. Conrad as alternate. Report adopted.

The committee to nominate Executive Board reported that the following brethren should constitute the members of the Board, Rev. L. R. Pruett, W. C. Dowd, T. D. Maness, T. J. Renfrow and Rev. W. A. Smith.

On motion Rev. L. R. Pruett was elected as the Vice President of the Foreign Mission Board for the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus association.

On motion Rev. L. R. Pruett was elected as the member from this association of the State Mission Board.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher, reported Mattnews as the place and Tuesday night before the 3rd. Sunday in September 1913. The introductory sermon to be preached by Rev, W. A. Smith and Rev. E. C. Andrews as alternate.

On motion Rev. W. A. Hough of Cornelius was elected as the Representative of Sunday Schools in the association.

On motion the association decided that no money be sent up to the association except the minute fund.

J. J. Ezell reported for the Finance committee that $30.00 were sent up for the minutes with no report from the First church and Pritchard Memorial and Arlington, Clear Creek and Newell,

By consent of the association Rev. E. C. Andrews addressed the association on the work at Kannapolis outlining the urgent need for aid in the building of a house of worship.

Rev. S. F. Conrad moved that the association most heartily commends this work to the churches of the association and invites the pastor at Kannapolis to visit the churches and appeal to them for aid.

The report of the Womans Missionary Societies, by motion was read and ordered printed in the minutes of the Association.

The association then adjourned until 7:30 tonight.

NIGHT SESSION

Association met at 7:30 P. M. after devotional exercises led by Rev. D. F. Helms the association was caled to order by Rev. L. R. Pruett, Acticting Moderator. The minutes of the afternoon session was read and approved.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

A report on education has two main objects in view: One to impart information, the other to arouse an interest in the cause of education. If we can but enlist the sympathy and an interest we have then accomplished much for the cause.

The different grades of schools claim our attention. Nearest our people are the public schools, scattered over the country. Some run for a short time, one, two or three months of the year. This is a little better than no schooling. Others are supplementing the public school fund by tuition charges, so as to do worK the usual period of a scholastic year. The academy or high school fills a want that is most urged. If the ordinary school constitutes the basis or foundation of the educattonal structure or edifice, the high school certainly is the bcdy of the building necessary to the common school, as showing why it is built, exercising a cohesive and preserving power over the foundation walls, and attractive in the invitation to the pupils below to come up higher in the educational life. The high school is the proper and best entrance to college education, forcing the college to rear its dome higher and make its halls more inviting. The Baptists everywhere it is practicable should establish schools under their influence or control. If they are strong enough in any community they should see to it, that their children are taught in the day schools by a teacher of their own faith, Cultured and capable Baptist young ladies and young men as teachers of their schools are not hard to find. We advocate the establishment of a high school within the bounds of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association. Our brethren on the southeast have founded a most successful high school at Wingate. The brethren of other associations are making every effort to establish good high schools within the bounds of their associations, and why should not we imitate their example?

A serious danger now menaces our denominational colleges, unless the Baptists in this Association and thoughout the State realize the situation and steadily maintain their colleges. The State, with its practically unlimited resources through teachers and other funds at its command, maintains three institutions of learning for our boys, young men and young ladies. We do not wish to be understood as opposing any of these institutions or underestimating their importance for the special object had in view by their establishment. The danger of these institutions to our denominational colleges lies in their superseding them with our Baptist people. The State cannot, from the very nature of the case exercise in any of its colleges a decided and persuasive religious

influence. State and Church are, and should be, dissociated in education as in government. But Carolinians are a religious people The professors and teachers of State institutions are usually, not always however, members of churches and it is claimed that through them religion exercises over the students its due sway. But the State cannot ezclude. and the history of State education in North and South Carolina shows that it has not in the past done so, infidels and ungodly teachers from its colleges. One such teacher of your daughters and sons will cast an evil shade over all their subsequent life. The present and more especially the past shows that Baptists, though the most numerous body of christians in the State, have the smallest representation upon the faculties of the State colleges-

The question presented to the Baptists of this Association and the State is: Shall we hand over to the State or to other denominations the education of our boys and girls?

There is no small danger of this being done. Wake Forest, Meredith College and many of our secondary schools are struggling with inadequate means to educate our young men and maidens. Let these colleges and schools sink from want of patronage or want of proper endowment or equipment and a few generations hence what would become of Baptist influence and power in North Carolina? The epitaph of North Carolina Baptists would be, "They were, and are not."

S. N. Watson.

The association was then adressed by President W. L. Poteat of Wake Forest College on Education. The address was regarded as one of the finest ever delivered before the association, replete with facts and designed to awaken a deeper interest in our schools and the cause of general education,

The association then resumed its business session.

A hearty vote of thanks were extended to the First Church of Concord and the citizens of the town for their generous hospitality

The association voted by motion the usual compensation to the Clerk.

AMENDED REPORT ON TIME OF MEETING

It was decided to meet on Tuesday night before the 3rd. Sunday in September 1913. The remainder of the report remaining as previously adopted.

"Blessed be the tie that binds," was sung and the association adjourned by benediction by Rev. L. Johnson.

MINUTE FUND

The following churches sent up the following amounts which the Clerk of the Assoiation here acknowledges.

S. F. Conrad, Clerk

Charlotte, First Church	$10.00
Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial	5.00
Charlotte, Ninth Avenuc	5.00
Charlotte, Loutse	3.25
Charlotte, North	1,25
Chadwick	2,00
Cornelius,	2.50
Concord, First Church	3.83
Concord, McGill Street	3.00
Concord, West	1-50
Friendship,	2.00
Independence Hill	1.75
Kannappolis,	2.50
Long Creek,	1.50
Pineville,	2.00
Union Grove,	1,00

No letter or money received from Arlington. Clear Creek or Newell.

S- F. Conrad

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE

Churches:	Superintendents and Addresses.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Enrollment	Number of Schools	Volumes in Library	Quarterlies Taken	Months Kept Open	Average Attendance	Number of Baptisms	Contribution for Missions, Orphange etc	School Epenses	Total Contribution
Arlington													
Clear Creek													
Cornelius	Charles B. Money, Davidson, N. C.	6	82	88	1		125	12	60	8	28.65		28.65
Chadwick	J. S. Wallace, Chadwick, Charlotte, N. C.	11	209	220	1		310	12	125	10		69.91	85.84
Charlotte First Church	W. C. Dowd, Charlotte, N. C.	35	765	800	1		2000	12	375		616.67	513.27	1,129.94
Charlotte, Pritchard Mem	Fred S. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C.	16	350	366	1		850	12	190	37	255.50	161.60	255.50
Charlotte, 9th Ave.	W. F. Dowd, Charlotte, N. C.	16	260	276	1		200	12	125	10			
Charlotte, Louise	M. J. Green, Charlotte, N. C.	14	300	314	1		300	12	133	21	36.10	74.27	110.37
Charlotte, West	B. F. Cato, North Charlotte, N. C.	12	200	212	1	75	758	12	125	4			
Concord, First Church	S. N. Watson, Concord, N. C.	20	160	180	1	150	479	12	100	4	4.51	260.00	264.51
Concord, McGill Street	J. P. Shankle, Concord, N. C.	13	267	280	1		250	12	170	7	44.09	124.00	168.09
Concord, North	W. F. Stegall, Concord, N. C.	13	175	188	1		329	12	122			131.04	131.04
Friendship	C. Garrison, Charlotte, N. C., Route 12.	4	23	27	1		70	12	15		15.00	13.20	28.20
Huntersville	Union School.									1			
Independence Hill	H. B. Blackman, Huntersville, N. C., R. 2	6	70	76	1		75	12	50	46	7.50	11.98	19.48
Kannappolis	E. F. Carter, Kannappolis, N. C.	12	403	415	1		728	12	220		10.00	83.10	93.10
Long Creek	F. T. Beaty, Paw Creek, N. C.	6	45	51	1		75	12	36			40.00	40.00
Matthews	C. P. Bivens, Matthews, N. C.	8	80	88	1		125	12	50			25.00	25.00
Newell													
Oak Grove	B. M. Potts, Pineville, N. C.	8	50	58	1		96	12	35			24.00	24.00
Pleasant Plain	J. E. Broom, Matthews, N. C.	7	40	47	1		200	12	30			12.00	
Stough Memorial	H. M. Stroup, Pineville, N. C.	6	85	91	1		80	12	50	1		6.92	6.92
Union Grove													
Wilson Grove	W. R. Small, Pineville, N. C.	8	50	58	1		50	6	45	8			
		221	3614	3835	19	225	7100		2056	157	1,018.02	1,550.29	2,410.64

FINANCIAL TABLE

Churches:	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sun. School Expenses	The Poor	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	
Arlington									
Clear Creek									
Cornelius	275.00	60.00	37.00	25.20	10.00		38.00	15.55	
Chadwick	300.00	285.48	47.50	69 91	5.50		20.00	15.50	
Charlotte First Church	3,980.00	1,011.57	2,986.83	515.37	35.70		408.65	842.00	1
Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial	1,650.00	152.00	669.39		36.75		142.22	104.36	
Charlotte, 9th Ave.	1,500.00	747.36	299.22	151.60	29.05		123.29	65.35	
Charlotte, Louise	800.00	230.55	72.95	74.27	11.31		50.00	22.21	
Charlotte, West	488.47	1,592.71	70.00	100.00			30.00	14.50	
Concord, First Church	900.00	60.00	217.00	260.00	30.00		78.35	88.27	
Concord, McGill Street	900.00	114.60	40.00	124.00	13.50	34.00	27.50	17.50	
Concord, North	315.90	73 35	171.23	131.04	14.70		25.00	6.90	
Friendship	100,00			13.20			33.40	16.00	
Huntersville	40.00		13.00				2.50	1.75	
Independence Hill	175.00	10.00	27.85	11,98			15.00	7.50	
Kannappolis	400.00	1,200.00	43.00	83.10	1.75		25.00	10.00	
Long Creek	100.00	1,000.00	20.00	40.00			5.00		
Matthews	500.00		55.00	25.00			25.00	15.00	
Newell									
Oak Grove	300.00		18.00	24.00			21.42	19.71	
Pleasant Plain	200.00			12.00			17.00	6.00	
Stough Memorial	200.00	51.00	27.40	23.87			10.20	16.50	
Union Grove	75.00		1.00				5.00	2.00	
Wilson Grove	150.00		19.00	3.00			10.50	6.50	
	$13,349.37	$6,588.02	$4,824.37	$1,698.54	$195.72	34.00	$1,093.03	$1,293.10	$2

STATISTICAL TABLE

Clerks and Addresses	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Seating Capacity	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Net Gain	Net Loss	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
D. W. Speaks, Cornelius, N. C.	Weekly	3,000	500	12	2		8			6		64	93	16
C. H. Bogan, Chadwick, Charlatte, N. C.	Weekly	3,300	400	24	36		20	10	1	29		65	111	17
J. A. Durham, Charlotte, N. C.	Weekly	75,000	1500	28	55				7	28				99
J. J. Ezell, Charlotte, N. C.	Weekly			16	26	2	43	1	2		2	106	180	28
Fred S. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C.	Weekly	18,000	500	47	43		36		2	52		189	350	53
Lackey Allen, Charlotte, N. C.	Weekly	4,500	400	25	26	2	28	4	2	16		83	159	23
B. F. Cato, North Charlotte, N. C.	Weekly	7,725	600	4	11	1	3	1	2	10		38	101	13
Dr. H. C. Herring, Concord, N. C.	Weekly	14,000	900	8	17	3	21	5		2		83	150	23
J. P. Crowder, Concord, N. C.	Weekly	3,000	400	28	41	2	7	5	2	57		94	145	23
W. F. Stegall, Concord, N. C.	Weekly	1,800	400	10	22	1	9	11	2	11		80	126	20
C. Garrison, Charlotte, N. C., R. F. D. 12.	2nd p.m.	1,500	300		1		2				1	11	24	3
S. L. Mullen, Huntersville, N. C.	1 and 2	300		2	3		3			2		10	13	2
C. S. Davis, Charlotte, N. C., R. F. D. 7.	2 and 4	1,800	350	1	3		8	1			5	20	42	6
J. W. Bounds, Kannappolis, N. C.	Weekly	2,000	400	98	31	10	16		1	122		93	131	22
J. S. Underwood, Paw Creek, N. C.	2nd Sun	1,000	300	1			1					19	32	5
W. L. Hatfield, Matthews, N. C.	2 and 4	7,000	350		1	1	9	3	1		11	44	61	10
W. E. Smith, Pineville, N. C.	1 and 3	1,000	400	7		1	2			6				7
J. E. Broom, Matthews, N. C.	3rd Sun						4		1		5	89	72	16
C. J. Price, Pineville, N. C.	4th Sun	2,500	500	3	6		2		2	5		27	70	9
R. H. Hastings, Huntersville, N. C.				1	6	1				8		12	18	3
T. E. Pigg, Charlotte, N. C., R. F. D. 9.	Monthly	1,500	350	12	2	1	6		1	8		41	62	10
		$136,325		327	332	25	228	41	26	359	24	1168	3004	417

Minutes

of the

Woman's Missionary Union

of the

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus

Association

Held With

First Baptist Church, Concord, North Carolina

September 11th, and 12th, 1912.

The Womans Missionary Union of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association met in its second annual meeting with the First Baptist Church of Concord on Mach 7th, 1912.

The meeting was opened by singing hymn From Greenlands Icy Mountains.

Mrs. C. E. Craven, of Concord, led the devotional exercise, reading the 17th chapter of Acts.

Mrs. Williams, of Concord, making the address, welcoming the ladies and Mrs. King, of the Ninth Ave., Baptist church, of Charlotte, responding.

Rev. Dr. Bomar and Rev. Mr. Watson addressed the ladies with words of encouragement, Dr. Bomar offering the following resolution.

Resolved that a committee from the ladies be appointed to cooperate with the Brethren of the Association in the fifth Sunday meetings and such other meetings as may be determined on.

Upon motion, the resolution was adopted.

The enrollment of delegates showed representatives of ten churches were present.

The Vice-President, Mrs. Withers, made the following report.

As we come to this meeting, we close the first years work in our history and begin a new year. We look up to God with grateful hearts for what has been accomplished. On every hand we have much to encourage us. One year ago, we held our first association meeting, then we were quite young, just an infant. To-day we stand equipped and strengthened by the past for achievements yet undreamed of. In an article by Dr. Willingham on "Things that make for progress in the kingdom" he says as never before our people are becoming aroused on the subject of "World-wide Missions" and nothing can stay the onward sweep of Missionary enthusiasm. The churches of Christ are beginning to realize that the serious business for which they exist is to make disciples of all nations. All our lives, we have prayed, "Thy Kingdom Come," expecting, I fear, the answer in some distance indefinite future, and, yet, to-day when we run the moral up lift all over the home land, the note of evangelism sounded from almost all of our pulpits, and the growing missionary spirit, are we not given splendid hope for the coming of the kingdom in the world? Again, I quote from our loved Secretary. "Two things need to be done. Let us pray with a large faith and an intense desire, our hearts burdened with longing for the coming of the kingdom. Then let us give our-selves with deep consecration to unceasing effort, stopping at no sacrifice that we can make."

"The restless millions wait, The light Whose doings maketh all things new. Christ also waits, but men are slow and late. Have we done what we could? Have I? Have you?

Not what we could have done perhaps, though we have done marvelously well, and we come with an increase in our gifts and a greater lover for our work,—are we not making for progress in the coming of the kingdom?

During the year 75 letters and 25 postals have been written. Letters received 35. Postals received 25. Leaflets, pamphlets and other liturature distributed 95. Miles traveled 65. Churches visited 3. Societies organized 9. Associational meetings held 1. And a report made before the body of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association. There has been a steady increase of Societies reporting to me. The amount reported to me for the year closed being $2,312.15.

Let us look to God from whence cometh our strength. Take courage from the progress we have made and press foward for greater and higher things.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. D. Withers.

On motion of Mrs. C. E. Mason the report was adopted and a rising vote of thanks tendered Mrs. Withers for her faithful services.

Miss Liddell read the suggested constitution and bylaws and after discussion it was adopted.

The President appointed the following committees.

Time and place—Miss Liddell, Mrs. C. B. Rogers, Mrs. Bell Price and Mrs. S. N. Watson.

Resolutions—Mrs. W. C. Dowd, Mrs. E. E. Bomar, Mrs. J. A. Durham and Mrs. J. R. Pace.

Nominations—Mrs. T. B. Lee, Mrs. C. B. Floyd, Mrs. E. P. King and Miss Eva Liddell.

Brief reports were made by the different societies the reports being very encouraging nine new societies being organized during the past year.

Miss Liddell read the recommendations of the Central Committee and upon motion of Mrs. J. A. Durham it was decided that we take as our associational aim $3,000.00 for the year 1912—13, also that there be an effort made organize a Womans Missionary Society in every church in the Association.

Following is the list of delegates present.

Mrs. J. R. Pace, Miss Ona Blackman, W. M. S. Chadwick.

Mrs. C. E. Mason, Mrs. J. A. Durham, Mrs. T. W. Chambliss, Miss Liddell, W. M. S. First church, Charlotte.

Mrs. C. B. Floyd, Sunbeams, Charlotte.

Mrs. W. C. Dowd, Y. W. A., Charlotte.

Mrs. F. D. Lethco, Mrs. D. M. Austin, W. M. S, Pritchard Memorial, Charlotte.

Mrs. E. E. Bomar, Sunbeams, Pritchard Memorial, Charlotte.

Mrs. T. B. Lee, Y. W. A., Pritchard Memorial, Charlotte.

Mrs. P. A. Bowden, Mrs. C. B. Rogers, Mrs. E. P. King, W. M. S., Ninth Ave., Charlotte.

Mrs. B. F. Duncan, Sunbeams, Ninth Ave., Charlotte.

Mrs. L. R. Pruett, Y. P. M. B., Ninth Ave., Charlotte.

Mrs. S. M. Watson, Mrs. J. L. Howell, Miss Mattie Lentz, Miss Lillie McLester, Mrs. A. W. Morgan, Mrs. K. L. Craven, Mrs. H S. Williams, Mrs. J. A. Walker and Mrs. W. S. Dean, W. M. S. First Church, Concord.

Mrs. J. L. Rogers, Mrs. L. E. Mullins, McGill St., Concord, W. M. S.

Mrs. Belle Fromm, Miss Nolie Thompson, Miss Sallie Brantley Miss Jane Penigar, West Concord, W. M. S.

Mrs. Bell Price, Friendship, W. M. S.

Mrs. J. D. Withers, W. M. S., Oak Grove.

Miss Effie Stroup, Miss Louise Blackwelder, Y. W. A., Oak Grove.

Miss Jennie Cole, W. M. S., Stough Memorial.

Mrs. C. B. Carter, W. M. S., Kannapolis.

After singing a hymn and a prayer being offered the morning session adjourned.

The afternoon session was opened by singing hymn "Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to thee."

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. R. Pace who read the 60th. chapter of Isiah, prayer was offered by Mrs Mason.

Mrs. W. C. Dowd spoke on the standard of excellence for each missionary society and a general discussion of the subject follow ed.

Mrs. C. B. Floyd spoke on the work of the Sunbeams and a very helpful discussion following.

Mrs. E. E. Bomar read an interesting paper on our Women in Foreign fields.

Mrs. T. W. Chambliss spoke on the Young Womans Auxilliary.

Mrs. W. C. Houston of the Methodist church was introduced and welcomed.

Mrs. J. D. Withers and other ladies spoke on the problems of a country church society.

Mrs. F. D. Lethco spoke on the observance of the week of prayer and a very helpful discussion followed.

On motion of Mrs. Liddell a collection was taken to defray the expenses of the meeting and $8 00 was raised.

No further business appearsng the session adjourned.

EVENING SESSION

The evening session was opened with selection by the choir. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. L. R. Pruett, who read the 8th. chapter of Romans and a prayer was offered by Mrs. S. N. Watson.

Mrs. C. E. Mason made a very helpful talk on Tithing.

The ladies greatly enjoyed a duet rendered by Misses Mattie Lentz and Neta Grissett.

Mrs. H. S. Williams gave a reading on The Missionaries dream'

The nominating committee reported as follows;

President—Mrs. J, D. Withers.

Vice President—Mrs. F. D. Lethco,

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. L. R. Pruett.

Signed—Mrs. T. B. Lee, Mrs. C. B. Floyd, Mrs. E. P. King and Miss Eva Liddell,

Upon proper motion the report was adopted.

The committee on time and place for next meeting, reported as follows.

We recommend that the Womans Missionary Union of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association meet the Thursday after the first Sunday in March 1913, and that the place of meeting be left with the executive committee to be decided before the meeting of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association in Sept. 1912.

Miss Eva Liddell
Mrs. S. N. Watson
Mrs. D. B. Price
Mrs, D. M. Austin
Mrs. C. B. Rogers

Upon proper motion the report was adopted.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

The committee on Resolutions reported as follows.

Whatever of success we have had during the year has been accomplished by the guiding hand of our Heavenly Father. To Him we bring our offering of thanksgiving in acknowledging our large indebtedness to our sisters and friends in Concord be it "Resolved; that we express our grateful appreciation first to the good people of Concord for their most generous hospitality, not only to Baptists, but friends of other denominations for hospitality, Second, to our efficient Vice President and our Secretary for their wise and painstaking efforts which have made this meeting such a success, Third, to the ladies of the church for their delightful luncheon at the Pastors home.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. C. Dowd
Mrs. J. R. Pace
Mrs. J. A. Durham
Mrs. E. E. Bomar

Upon proper motion this report was adopted.

The executive committee reported the selection of Matthews as place of next meeting.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned with prayer led by Rev. J. W. Snyder.

Mrs. L. R. Pruett, Sec.

Grand Display of

FALL MERCHANDISE

Every Market has been searched, every care and caution that skil and experience can develop has been used in the selection of this magnificent stock of Fall and Winter Merchandise that we submit for your approval, embracing an array of Wraps Coat Suits, Millinery, Dress Goods, Shoes, Clothing, and Gents Furnishing. :-:

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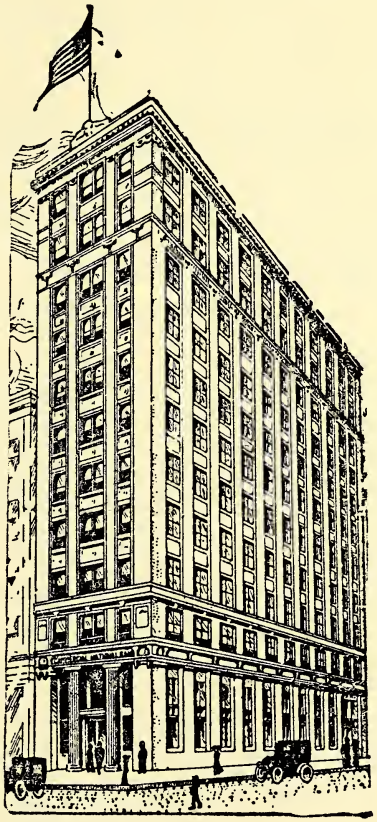
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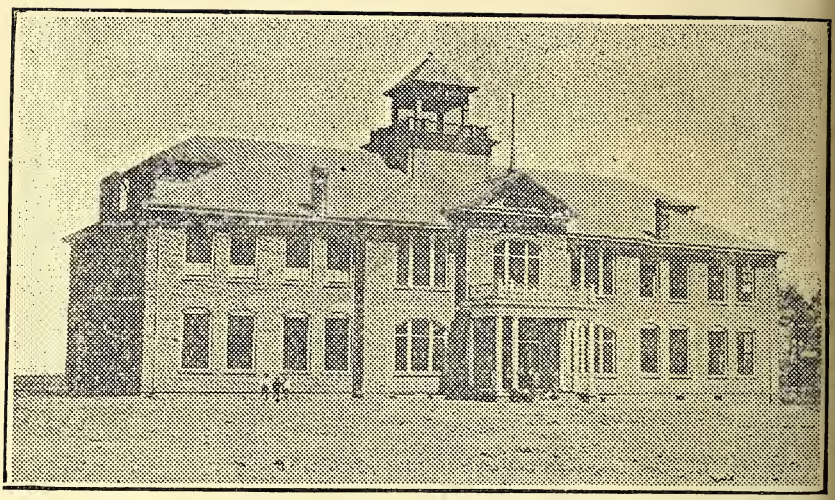
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PROGRAM FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

State Missions—J. W. Whitley.
Home Missions—W. M. Vines.
Foreign Missions—R. E. Brown.
Orphanage—D. F. Helms.
Sunday Schools—W. A. Smith.
Periodicals—J. C. Gillespie.
Education—W. A. Hough.
Secondary Schools—Prof. J. G. Carroll.
Temperance—J. L. Rogers.
Old Ministers' Relief—E. S. Ivory.
Woman's Work—Mrs. J. D. Withers.

BY-LAWS.

1. The daily session of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Delegates shall be recognized by letters from their churches, designating them as such.

3. The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers or the delegates of newly-received churches by extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

4. The Clerk shall provide blank letters for the use of the churches of the Association previous to the meeting of the Association, superintend the publication and distribution of the minutes, preserve a file of them and have it present at each annual session, read the procedings of the preceding session at the beginning of each morning session, and the last day's procedings at the close of the annual session.

5. Members desiring to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator; shall use ter term "Brother" in speaking to each other; shall not speak on same subject more than twice without permission, and shall observe the courtesy that becomes Christians.

6. Members shall not absent themselves from the session without permission of the Association.

7. A copy of the minutes shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Mission Board, also a copy to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one to the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, and one to the Field Secretary of the Sunday Schools in North Carolina.

A. All questions of order not herein provided shall be decided by "Parliamentary Law."

9. The report of the Executive Board and the Missionary work of the Association with short reports from the missionaries shall take precedence of all other business during the morning session of the second day of the annual session.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Enrollment of delegates.
2. Election of officers.
3. Petitionary letters.
4. Appointment of committees for the session
5. Appointment of standing committees.
6. Report of special committees.
7. Reports of standing committees.
8. Report of other committees.
9. Miscellaneous business.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association met in its 28th annual session with the Baptist church at Matthews, on Tuesday night,September 16, 1913, according to appointment. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. A. Smith, the appointee, at 8 o'clock from the words of our Lord's Prayer, "Thy Kingdom Come."

On account of the absence of the Moderator and the smallness of the delegation present, the organization was deferred until tomorrow morning. Rev. O. A. Keller was asked to lead the devotional exercises at 9:30 tomorrow. The congregation then adjourned by benediction.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 9:30 A. M., and after devotional exercises, led by Rev. O. A. Keller, proceeded to the organization of the body. In the absence of W. C. Dowd, the former Moderator, the Association was called to order by Rev. R. L. Pruett, who appointed Rev. J. W. Whitley, W. A. Hough and C. B. Mooney to report on order of business.

The roll of the churches was then called and the following churches reported by letters and delegates:

Arlington—E. H. Williams, R. J. Connell and John Connell.

Clear Creek—H. W. Pigge and J. F. Reader.

Cornelius—C. B. Mooney and E. B. White.

Chadwick—E. A. Livingston, J. L. Blackman and J. C. Gillespie.

Charlotte, First Church—Dr. W. M. Vines, J. P. Hackney, Willis Brown, J. W. Brown, C. H. Robinson and C. A. Kuester.

Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial—W. A. Smith, W. F. Dowd, J. J. Ezzell and C. R. Austin

Charlotte, Ninth Avenue—R. J. Boyd, D. W. Fink, J. W. Pittman, W. J. Fite, Fred S. Conrad, L. R. Pruett and S. F. Conrad.

Charlotte, Allen Street—Rev. O. A. Keller, S. A. Helms, A. B. Hays and J. W. Watkins.

Charlotte, North—E. S. Ivory and L. M. Pruett.

Concord, First Church—R. E. Brown and John Kearnes.

Concord, McGill Street—J. L. Rogers, M. A. Carpenter, A. L. Howell and J. F. Curlee.

Concord, West—J. B. Talbirt, Jane Penegar, Jennie Maxwell, Mary Lowder and J. W. Snyder.

Friendship—Lester Walker and C. Garrison.

Huntersville—Letter, no delegate.

Independence Hill—H. B. Blackman.

Kannapolis—Foy Fisher, M. H. Carter, E. C. Andrews and J. A. Funderburk.

Long Creek—A. C. Parker.

Matthews—J. W. Phillips, F. M. Abernathy and E. F. Sinclair.

Newell—A. B. Jourdan and wife, Miss Dora Austin and Miss Fannie Austin.

Oak Grove—J. P. Stroup, Roy McCorkle and M. A. Edwards.

Pleasant Plain—J. E. Broom, J. H. Wilson and H. B. King.

Rockwell—A. P. Sweet and L. R. Caldwell.

Stough Memorial—A. M. Culp and J. A. Pressley.

Union Grove—Letter, no delegate.

Wilson Grove—W. M. Mullis.

The Association being ready for business the election of officers for the ensuing year was taken up, and upon the motion of D. F. Helms, T. J. Renfrow was asked to cast the vote of the Association for Rev. L. R. Pruett for Moderator. The vote was so cast and he was elected.

Also on motion of D. F. Helms, J. L. Rogers was asked to cast the vote of the Association for S. F. Conrad, Clerk. The motion prevailed and the vote was so cast.

On motion J. J. Ezzell was also re-elected Treasurer, the vote of the Association also being cast for him.

The Moderator then called for the reception of any new churches desiring to come into the Association, when A. P. Sweet presented an application from the Rockwell Baptist church, a newly organized body in the edge of Iredell county. The application was referred to a special committee of three composed of W. A. Smith, E. C. Andrews and Covington Garrison.

REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The committee on order of business submitted the following report, which was adopted:

10:30-11:30—Report on Orphanage.

11:30-12:30—Report on Education.

12:30-2:00 P. M.—Dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:00-2:30—Sunday Schools.
2:30-3:30—Foreign Missions.

NIGHT SESSION.

7:30—Devotional Exercises.
8:00—State Missions.

At this point the Moderator extended a welcome to brethren and the following brethren were recognized and welcomed to seats in the body.

Rev. Livingstone Johnson, Secretary of the State Mission Board; President W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest College; Archibald Johnson, of the Baptist Orphanage; Rev. Braxton Craig, of Monroe; E. L. Middleton, Secretary of Sunday Schools; W. M. Green, representative of the Biblical Recorder; J. B. Talbert, a young ministerial student of the Association.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The report on the orphanage was called for and the report not being ready the orphanage and its work was discussed by Archibald Johnson. At the conclusion of his address J. C. Gillespie arrived with the report which was read and which he followed with some remarks emphasizing some phases of the work of the orphanage. Report was adopted.

The first child was received into the Orphanage November 11, 1885. Since then 1,420 children have been enrolled and the present number is 411. The average cost for each child is about $100.00 a year. Children are received between the ages of five and twelve years and dismissed according to preparation rather than age.

At the Kennedy Memorial Home, located in Lenoir County, two dormitories are being erected and will be ready for use by January 1, 1914. About half the funds necessary to equip this part of the institution have been secured and it is hoped tha the remaining half will come in time so that the work may go forward without interruption.

Three splendid gifts have come to the Orphanage since the beginning of 1913. The first by Misses Mary and Victoria Galloway, which consists of 375 acres of land in Transylvania County, and is estimated at $25,000.00. This is not available, however, during the lifetime of Miss Mary Galloway. The second gift was the bequest in the will of Dr. S. W. Little, of Davie County, which, it is believed,

will turn into the Orphanage treasury some $2,500.00. The last is a small sum left by Bhrother John Pullen, of Raleigh.

But while we are grateful to record these splendid gifts, we are to remember that usually bequests are put in some permanent memorial to the giver and are never used to buy meat and bread for the children. This being so, with the constant enlargement of the institution, makes it necessary for a steadily increasing current fund. This part of the work has always fallen on our churches and Sunday schools.

Now let us take a litle view of the Orphanage and its work. In the first place, "the most careful attention is given to sanitary conditions, cleanliness of buildings, grounds, as well as personal cleanliness being rigidly required. The houses are always kept in neat and orderly condition.

Then about 175 acres of land are under cultivation. For this work four mules and six horses are scarcely sufficient during the summer months.

Then again the Orphanage has a growing herd of Holstein cattle which is a good beginning for the dairy. This along with the trucking side of farm work is receiving special attention.

The work in the school is carried through the ninth grade. But the work in the sewing room, kitchen, laundry, printing office, shoe shop and on the farm, all are a part of a system of education. Work in domestic science is being taught this year for the first time.

But the greatest work of the Orphanage consists in surrounding the children with a moral atmosphere, and in instructing them in spiritual things. To serve this purpose the Orphanage has a well organized Sunday school and church, with their various departments, such as Baraca and Philathea classes, missionary society, mission study classes, etc., which furnish the needed facilities for the growth in knowledge and in the grace of giving; and above all for pointing them to the Saviour of the world.

Having these facts before us, should we not more liberally support the Orphanage with these 411 orphans? The Sunday schools are doing much already to meet this demand. About 40 per cent of the current funds comes now from the monthly collectons in the Sunday schools. And yet scarcely one-third of our schools in North Carolina are giving these monthly collections. Again many of the churches are observing Thanksgiving Day and are remembering the Orphanage with liberal offerings on that day, which help to give the extra shove needed upon entering the winter months. But many churches are not remembering the Orphanage in this way. Then many of our Sunday schools take a club of Charity and

Children, through which much needed information is given about the Orphanage, and through which the sympathies of the readers are enlarged for it; while at the same time the Orphanage is helped materially.

We strongly recommend therefore that each Sunday school in our Association give one Sunday's collection in each month to the Orphanage; further, that all our churches duly observe Thanksgiving Day, and at all the services a liberal offering be made for the Orphanage; and finally that each Sunday school takes a club of Charity and Children. Respectfully submitted,

J. C. GILLESPIE.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The report on Education was called for and not being ready, W. A. Smith offered the following resolutions:

A Resolution which, separate or as part of the report on Education or Schools and Colleges, is passing the Baptist Associations of North Carolina as fast as it can be well presented.

Whereas, the need for a house of worship at Wake Forest is so imperative for our young men in college there, whereas the Baptist State Convention took hold of this matter at Goldsboro last December and asked the Baptists of North Carolina to put $25,000 into this building and urged that work on it be begun at once, whereas work on it is progressing finely, and whereas there will be thousands of dollars of deterioration if the roof is not on by the approach of winter:

Be it resolved by this Association:

1. That this Association undertake to raise for this worthy urgent cause at least $1,500.00.

2. That a commitee of three be appointed at once to suggest what part of this amount may be raised by each church and make report before this session of the Association adjourns.

3. That each church be requested to raise within sixty days at least the amount suggested by this committee and to forward same with the name of each contributor to Walter N. Johnson, Pastor, Wake Forest.

4. That each pastor in this Association be requested to see that every member of every church he shepherds shall have a chance to assist in the erection of this House of God at Wake Forest College and to see that the name of the Church and Association of each contribution shall be sent for preservation in the walls of the building.

Let all the pastors stand together as a pledge to do this.

Envelopes have been made to assist in taking these collections

and in preserving the names. Any pastor who has not received a bundle of them, can get supplies by writing to Pastor Johnson at Wake Forest.

W. A. SMITH.

Dr. W. L. Poteat, President of Wake Forest College, was recognized, who addressed the body as to the Wake Forest church, and the work of the college. This address greatly stirred the hearts of the Association and made a profound impression as to the necessity and importance of the college and our denominational schools.

The resolutions were adopted and on motion of W. A. Smith, was referred to the Executive Board and the pastors and the churches as to making an aportionment of the amount asked for the Wingate School and Wake Forest church and $300 for ministerial education.

OTHER VISITORS WELCOMED.

The Moderator recognized the following brethren and welcomed them to seats in the Association: Rev. D. L. Vipperman, of Mt. Holly; G. E. Lineberry, Educational Secretary; Dr. W. M. Vines, of Charlotte; Dr. C. J. Thompson, of the Foreign Mission Board; Rev. S. N. Watson and Professor J. G. Carroll, of Wingate, and E. S. Ivory, of North Charlotte.

The committee to report on Rockwell church made their report favoring the reception of the church and the delegates were extended the hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 2 P. M. and after the opening prayer took up the work of Sunday Schools.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

According to the last report (1912) and the best information I can obtain, there are 22 churches out of 25 which keep open 12 months in the year. Newell and Union Grove do not report any schools. Huntersville reports a union school.

It is encouraging to note that 22 out of the 25 churches have evergreen Sunday schools.

The total enrollment of the scholars in the Association is 3,835, the average attendance is 2,056—a little over 53 per cent of the enrollment. I find that there has been a falling off in the enrollment

but a gain in the average attendance within the last three years.

There were 157 baptisms from the Sunday schools, which is nearly 45 per cent of all the baptisms in the Association. According to some statistics, this is far too low. It has been asserted that 85 per cent of the church members come from the Sunday school. If this be true, we need to stress evangelism and Decision Day in all our Sunday schools every year.

In the Biblical Recorder of September 10, 1913, E. L. Middleton says: North Carolina and Pennsylvania have the largest per cent of their population in Sunday schools of any States in the Union except Utah, and this leads because of the laws of the Mormons. Our Baptist Sunday schools are growing in number, membership and efficiency. Since 1905 we have increased from 1,290 to 1,921 Sunday schools—a gain of 49 per cent in seven years. There has been a net gain of 75,000 in the enrollment of these schools.

The greatest gains, though, have been in general efficiency. As never before, our officers and teachers are studying to better equip themselves for the work. Hundreds and even thousands are taking the Convention Normal Course. Many schools are taking a religious course followed by grading the school, thus increasing the membership and improving the organization.

POLICY FOR 1913-1914: Take the "Standard of Excellence for Baptist Sunday Schools" as given in the Recorder of September 10, 1913, and let each pastor see to it that the Sunday school of his church comes as near to it as possible. And let the A1 Sunday schools have a place in our minutes next year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. WHITLEY, for the Committee.

The report was read by J. W. Whitley and after discussion by E. L. Middleton, Secretary, was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report of our Foreign Mission Board shows success and progress on our foreign fields. One cannot read the report of the missionaries without being impressed with the note of confidence and triumph which seems to thrill the men on the field. The unsettled condition in Mexico must necessarily impede the work there; but in Brazil and China, success has been very evident and the opportunities are marvelous. The long seige in Italy and Japan has already made its impression and the outlook brightens year by year. Dark Africa and priest-ridden Argentina are beginning to awake to the leavening influence of the gospel. The success of our mission interprises is but the voice of God bidding us go forward.

Let us glance a moment at the effects of our Foreign Mission work upon our people at home. The report of the Board to the Convention, speaking of "What Foreign Missions Has Done for Us," says: "It has caused us to look after education here in the home land. Read the life of Luther Rice and what followed, and we can easily see how our people were brought to undertake educational enterprises as they had never done before. They were made to see the necessity of training their sons and daughters for Christian service. . . . . Much of our eucational interest dates from the return of Rice from India. . . . . The Baptists were awakened to the world-wide responsibilities and at the same time to the great opportunities and obligations which were before them in the homeland. . . . . They were drawn together, and they reecived a new conception of unity among them in associations, conventions and other meetings. The mission work brought them to greater liberality and they have grown in the grace of giving. . . Surely we ought to rejoice in a work which brings us to the blessings of larger vision, better education, union, liberality, spirituality and which helps to save not only to the uttermost parts of the earth, but us and our children from selfishness and sordidness."

This same report gives us another very helpful feature of the work which is a contrast between the statistician of the work twenty years ago and now. It says: "Then we had no medical missionary, only a native physician on the foreign field. This year we have thirteen medical missionaries, seven hospitals, nine dispensers and our workers report 65,333 people treated. We had sixteen schools with 598 scholars. This year we report 266 schools with 7,481 scolars. These include ten theological seminaries with 222 students and eight women's training schools with 191 scholars. In 1893 we had no regular publishing plants. Now we have publishing plants and book houses that are turning out millions of pages of books, tracts, Bibles, etc. Then we had 177 missionaries and native workers on the field; now we have 849. That year there were reported 383 baptisms and a total membership in our churches on the fields of 2,923; this year 4,532 baptisms and a membership of 27,545. That year the missionaries reported $5,368.42 as contributed on the foreign fields; this year the missionaries report $89,-483.70."

This mark of progress noted in the contrast of the statistics for these years, shows that we have left the day of small things, and yet we have not touched the hem of the garment toward evangelizing the world.

Our contributions have had a most marvelous growth in the past few years, and God has wonderfully blessed us. In 1873, just

40 years ago, the Convention for the first time in its history had its contributions to exceed $50,000. In 1890 the receipts show that we went beyond $100,000. In 1893 we exceeded $200,000. In 1907 the receipts show that we went beyond $400,000, and in 1912 the high-water mark shows more than $580,000. Great advancement has also been made in the work on the foreign fields. We have $900,0000 in equipment in our different foreign stations, which consists in churches, schools, hospitals, publishing plants and homes for the missionaries.

Our denominational leaders believe in the next twenty years that larger groth will be seen than ever before.

We learn that during last year seventeen new missionaries were sent out and that eight others are under appointment. This gives us a total of 285 missionaries, who are assisted by 569 native workers. The number of baptisms for this year, 4,532 ,is the largest in the history of our foreign mission work.

The Judson Centennial Equipment Fund should arouse the interest of every loyal Southern Baptist. The first year was largely one of preparation, but the report shows that the sum of $251,781 was raised in cash and pledges. This fund is to be one and one-quarter million of dollars, all of which is to be spent in educational and general equipment purposes in foreign lands; such as building churches, missionary homes, hospitals, schools and publishing plants. This fund is to be distinct and in addition to our regular contributions to the Foreign Mission Board.

Last year our contribution to foreign missions from Southern Baptists amounted to $543,446. For this year the Southern Baptist Convention has asked that the churches raise $646,500 for foreign missions. It will take the entire amount to maintain the work, pay off past obligations and make such advance that the Board can send out a few missionaries to points where it is absolutely necessary to have reinforcements. The Convention also asked that each State raise a definite part of this amount.

Our Association has been asked to raise $3,000 of the amount proportioned from North Carolina. Should we fail to raise this amount then North Carolina will fall short and our work on the foreign field must likewise suffer. Brethren, we are equal to the task. Let us be much in prayer lest we fail of our duty.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Your committee recommends:

1. That this body appoint a committee to carefully divide the amount asked for from this Association for foreign missions among our churches, that the report of this committee be printed in our minutes.

2. That each family in our churches be induced by the pastor

or by a committee to take and read the Foreign Missionary Journal, that tracts be secured from our Foreign Board and be distributed among the people.

3. That our churches raise this money in a systematic way, and forward to the Board, thereby saving interest on borrowed moeny.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. ANDREWS for the Committee.

The report was read by E. C. Andrews and discussed by Dr. C. J. Thompson and Dr. W. M. Vines, and adopted.

Rev. W. A. Smith then made a motion, which was adopted, that Rev. L. R. Pruett be appointed as the representative of the Foreign Mission Board in this Association.

COMPLETED REPORT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The committee made a completed report on the order of business as follows for Thursday's session:

9:30-10:00 A. M.—Devotional Exercises, led by E. S. Ivory.

10:00-10:30—Temperance.

10:30-11:30—Secondary Schools, W. A. Watson.

11:30-12:00 M.—Judson Memorial.

12:00 to 12:30—Periodicals.

12:30-1:30—Dinner on the grounds.

1:30-2:30—Home Missions, W. A. Smith.

2:30-3:15—Old Ministers' Relief, J. W. Snyder.

3:15-4:00—Woman's Work, Mrs. J. D. Withers.

8:00 P. M.—Sermon by W. M. Vines.

Association then adjourned by benediction till 7:30.

NIGHT SESSION.

Association met at 7:30 and opened with devotional exercises, led by Rev. J. L. Rogers, after which the report on State Missions was called for and read by Rev. O. A. Keller. The report was discussed by Rev. L. Johnson, Secretary of the State Mission Board, in an illustrated talk using a wheel chart to show the relation of the State Mission work to Home and Foreign Missions. The report was adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions is the bed rock on which all the enterprises of our Convention are based. Upon it as upon no other organization rests the responsibility of preaching the gospel in the destitute sections of the State. It is thought by some that the work of State

Missions is about completed. As a matter of fact, however, we have only gotten the foundation of the denominational structure well laid and are now ready to build thereon.

Our efforts to evangelize have been marvelously blessed but we have forgotten to teach them to "observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Two things are still to be pushed with renewed vigor and determination. To be true to our Lord and His Christ we must press the subject of soul-winning until every destitute section of the State has been reached. In addition to that we are "to train, educate and marshal our forces for effective service." It is suggested that "our larger city churches must be willing to sacrifice some of their strength to save the cause in other needy sections of the city." Certainly this deserves notice in this section. We are losing in our country fields every day for the lack of not being properly organized. Country churches in adjacent territory ought to be organized into compact fields with a pastor in their midst. This is the only hope of ever successfully introducing into our churches such systems of benevolence as will lead our people up to larger sacrifices for the cause.

O. A. KELLER.

The Moderator announced the following committees to report Thursday:

On Time and Place of Next Session—J. W. Snyder, J. E. Broom, A. P. Sweet.

To Nominate Delegates to S. B. Convention—Rev. O. A. Keller, J. P. Stroup, S. A. Helms.

To Nominate Delegates to State Convention—W. H. Davis, J. A. Combs, H. W. Pigge.

To Nominate Executive Board—D. F. Helms, W. A. Hough, E. S. Ivory.

The Association then adjourned with benediction by Livingstone Johnson.

THURSDAY'S SESSION.

The Association met at 9:30, when devotional exercises were conducted by E. S. Ivory, after which the Association was called to order by the Moderator and the minutes of the previous day were read by the clerk and after corrections approved.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Report on Temperance was called for and read and discussed by W. H. Davis, T. J. Renfrow and S. F. Conrad, and after discussion was adopted.

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness." These words of Holy Writ spoken by the prophet Habakkuk may find in our own times a modern application. The discovery of man's relationship and duty to his fellowmen is a prerequisite to civic righteousness and Christian citizenship. This discovery has not yet been made by all men, nor will it ever be ma de by all men, nor will it ever be made until by force of a wholesome and universal temperance sentiment the individual conscience shall be awakened to a sense of moral obligation to its surroundings.

Legislation on the great question of temperance is effective only so far as it is backed by a wholesome temperance sentiment. We no doubt have on our statute books at present every law that we need. We have the Webb law nationally which permits each State to enforce her own prohibition laws. We have in our own State the Search and Seizure law, passed by the last Legislature. What we need now is not more laws but a better enforcement of the laws we already have. We rejoice, however, in the fact that in our own State the prohibition laws are being enforced, blind tigers are on the run, and we are progressing toward a sober citizenship. Under prohibition our people are better, business enterprises are more prosperous, and our schools are better attended.

We commend most heartily the work of the Anti-Saloon League and W. C. T. U. These organizations are doing effective work in freeing our country from the awful curse of strong drink.

"Fifty per cent of the population, embracing over two-thirds of the entire territorial area of this country, have outlawed the saloon. The time for a nation-wide movement to outlaw the drink traffic is auspicious. National prohibition can be secured through the adoption of a constitutional amendment by Congress and ratification of the same by the necessary three-fourths—thirty-six—States. We appeal to every church, to all organized philanthropies and to every individual who loves his country and his kind, to join in this crusade for a saloonless nation."

Respectfully submitted, W. H. DAVIS.

REPORT ON SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

The report on Secondary Schools was read and discussed by S. N. Watson, Prof. J. G. Carroll, the principal of the Wingate High School, and L. R. Pruett, the Moderator, when the report was adopted.

The Baptists of North Carolina should be proud of the progress their Secondary Schools have made during the past few years. Such

men as Charles B. Aycock and J. Y. Joyner have put new life into education. The Baptist leaders saw that the Secondary Schools had to be organized or fail. Prof. G. E. Lineberry was empowered as Educational Secretary. As a result of this, fourteen well located schools are training future Baptist leaders. There are several other schools under private Baptist control. The value of the property of each school ranges from $18,000 to $25,000. No other department of our work comes closer to the local church. Competent young men and young women are furnished by these schools to be leaders in the churches. The higher institutions and churches can carry on their work for a few years, but where do you want the leaders of a few years hence to come from? There are about 3,800 students in these schools. Many of these are not church members. Will it pay to invest money and boys and girls in these schools? The moral training of our children must largely come from this source. The State must be indifferent along this line.

The most of these schools are in debt. They need dormitories and better equipment. Just a little help from the denomination and they wil put new life into our rural churches.

Our school at Wingate has opened its 18th annual session with an enrollment of 270. The property there is valued at $20,000, with a debt of $5,000 or $6,000. The school is owned and controlled by the Anson, Pee Dee, Union and this Association. May we see this work as it is, and do our part by these school.

REPORT ON JUDSON MEMORIAL.

The report on Judson Memorial was next taken up and the report was read by Dr. W. M. Vines and discussed in a speech of great force and power, which made a deep impression upon the Association, greatly stirring the hearts of the members in awakening interest upon this great movement. The report was further discussed by W. A. Smith, J. J. Ezzell and W. A. Hough.

W. A. Hough made a motion, which was unanimously adopted, that the churches of the Association be asked to co-operate with the churches of Charlotte in raising ten thousand dollars for this movement. The report as made by Dr. Vines was then adopted.

In the little town of Malden, near Boston, Mass., the visitor to the Baptist meeting house may see therein a marble tablet this inscribed:

IN MEMORIAM.
Rev. Adoniram Judson,
Born August 9, 1788, Died April 12, 1850.

Malden his birthplace, the ocean his sepulchre.
Converted Burmans and the Burman Bible His Monument.
His record on High.

In September, 1809, at the age of 21, Adoniram Judson, the son of Congregational parents whose father was a minister, began to study the subject of foreign missions. As a student at Andover he was deeply impressed by a sermon preached by Dr. Claudius Buchanan, entitled, "The Star of the East." This sermon fell like a spark into the tinder of Judson's soul and led to his decision to give himself to the preaching of the Gospel in India. In September, 1812, in the enforced seclusion of a long sea voyage, he studied carefully the subject of baptism in order that he might be able to fortify himself as he was to labor near the Baptist missionaries, Carey, Marshman and Ward. The result of this investigatoin was the conviction that he was wrong and that the Baptists were right. He became convinced that faith should always precede baptism and that baptism is immersion. After a great struggle in which he must break with all the traditions and associations of his childhood as well as from his fellow-students and from the support of his own denomination, he surrendered to his deepest convictions and on his arrival was baptized in Calcutta, also Mrs. Judson and Mr. Rice, one of his missionary associates, who though sailing on a different vessel had experienced a similar change of sentiment and so became a Baptist. When the tidings reached America our denomination all over the country was thrilled. The greatest enthusiasm was aroused by Mr. Rice, who returned to this country and told the story of their conversion and aroused the Baptists to action. This notable event led to the organization on the 18th of May, 1814, in the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia of "The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination ni the United States of America for Foreign Missions." Thus the Baptist denomination in America, in a sense, was born anew and from this impulse the beginning of a wonderful growth which has characterized our denomination in the United States is to be noted. The Baptists awoke to self-consciousness and it was an epoch of the first magnitude. From this convention grew the organized work of Northern and Southern Baptists. In 1812 the Baptists of America were a scattered and feeble folk, lacking solidity. To-day they are secod in numbers but in aggressiveness and growth they are first in the United States. Under God the calling and conviction of Adoniram Judson was perhaps the most momentous event in the history of the Baptists in America.

Fitting therefore it seems that our Southern Baptists should celebrtae this great event by raising $1,250,000 for educational and

general equipment purposes in foreign lands. Two hundred thousand dollars of this sum are to be spent on the publication of Christian literature; two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the building of churches, missionaries' homes and hospitals and eight hundred thousand dollars upon the equipment of our mission schools. All this money is to be spent on equipment. It is not to be set aside for endowment. This fund is to be distinct from and in addition to the regular annual income of the Foreign Mission Board and the subscriptions to it are to be taken within three years. By giving our missionaries, through this fund, a good literature with which to propagate the truth, comfortable houses in which to live, churches in which to worship, well equipped hospitals in which to heal the sick, sufficient schools in which to train the native Christians—especially the native ministers—we can, thereby, increase their working efficiency several fold. It is great economy to spend all the money in this way when by so doing we can make our missionaries force so much more effective. This great and glorious task should be accomplished for two special reasons. First, to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the sailing of Adoniram Judson, the first American foreign missionary, and the remarkable fact of his change to the Baptist position. Second, because the momentous changes in foreign lands and the open door everywhere, together with our success under God, combine to present an opportunity which should compel us to do something extraordinary. The churches of Charlote have decided to co-operate in this great centennial movement by raising $10,000. We earnestly urge all the pastors, Women's Missionary Societies and other organizations to co-operate in the other churches of our Association in speedily subscribing the amounts necessary to raise the sum suggested to be raised by the churches of this body. It is recommended that the executive board proportion the amount to the several churches. We also appeal to the pastors and membership to make a special study of the heroic and inspiring life of Judson and those associated with him so that our people may be informed and stimulated and their convictions deepened in the "faith once for all delivered to the saints" and tha the missionary impulse may be quickened and the kingdom of God extended.

W. M. VINES.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

No more important subject will come before this Association than what kind of literature shall Baptists use. Of course that edited and published by our own denomination is the one answer. Much depends upon it; for it largely moulds the soul-life of any

denomination. It is an alarming fact that a majority of our people do not even subscribe to the Recorder, and are therefore not informed on Baptist principles. No one can estimate the good accomplished by the use of sound, wholesome reading. Your committee begs first to submit the reading of the Bible at home, in school and church. Second, the Recorder in every home. The Foreign Mission Journal and Home Feld is a valuable agency to educate our people on missions. No Sunday school in our Southern Convention should use any periodicals only those published by its denomination at Nashville, Tenn. The reading and studying of doctrinal books in our churches is heartily recommended.

Respectfully submitted, J. L. ROGERS.

The report was read by J. L. Rogers and discussed by himself and W. M. Green, the representative of the Biblical Recorder, and after discussion adopted.

J. T. RENFROW ADDRESSES THE ASSOCIATION.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, Brother Renfrow, of the Matthews church, asked the privilege of addressing the Association, which was granted by the Moderator. Brother Renfrow in a most feeling way expressed his gratitude and also the church and community for the coming of the Association. He most feelingly spoke of E. J. Funderburk, one of the old members of the church who was confiend at home by sickness and who could not attend the session and because of his long useful life and interest in the work, asked as many as could to visit him. The Moderator asked J. J. Ezzell to respond to this address, which he did in most befitting words.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

REPORT ON REVS. J. J. McLENDON AND W. T. TALBERT.

Since our last Association the two oldest ministers of our Association, Rev. J. J. McLendon and Rev. W. T. Talbert, have gone to their reward, and remarkable to say, on the same day, June 16, 1913.

Brother McLendon died at his home near Matthews. There was no truer man among us than he. He held some important positions, but a great deal of his ministerial life was given to missionary work. He was unable for the last several years of his life to take regular work, but he still manifested his loyalty to the cause of Christ in his home church and Association. He was a man pure in word, thought and deed. Like Enoch, he "walked with God and was not for God took him."

Brother Talbert died at the home of his son in Kannapolis, June

16, 1913. Brother Talbert was beloved by all who knew him. He was in the organization of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association and was always interested and exerted himself to the extent of his ability in its upbuilding.. This interest showed itself in his untiring energy and zeal as pastor of country churches in the Association for a numebr of years. He organized McGill Street and West Concord churches and also aided in the organization of the church at Kannapolis. It can be said of him, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, saith the spirit, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

J. C. GILLESPIE.
J. W. SNYDER.

The report on obituaries was made by J. C. Gillespie and J. W. Snyder in which they spoke in most appropriate words of the life work of W. T. Talbert and J. J. McLendon, both of whom had died during the year. Report was adopted.

Rev. W. A. Smith then offered a resolution that the program of the next Association be referred to the Executive Committee, and representatives from the churches for such changes as they deemed best. The resolution was adopted.

The Association then adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association came together after having dinner in the church on account of the falling rain and resumed the regular order of business.

The report on Home Missions was then called for and read by W. A. Smith, who after discussing it the report was adopted.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

The founders of the Republic desired that this should be a Christian nation. They set forth their ideas in many of the earlier State papers. They refused to bolster up religious institutions by the State patronage.

History has justified their wisdom. The oppressed of every nation to-day look to America to show the way to better things. We have tried and know of a truth that "Righteousness exalteth a nation." But cur best efforts have been imperfect; we also know that "sin is a reproach to a nation." Of 94,000,000 people in America only about 21,000,000 are members of any evangelical religious body. Of 31,000,000 people in the Southern Baptist Convention territory fewer than 11,000,000 are members of evangelical bodies.

There remains a large task of pioneer mission work in our ter-

ritory. After the successful efforts of Home and State Missions, scores of communities in many States do not hear the Gospel message. There has come about in addition a pioneer work of a new kind. It is to be found in the slums of the cities and sometimes along the fashionable boulevards. With the old task unfinished, many new ones are being added that are more difficult.

Southern Baptists are confronted by an immense vitalization task. Thousands of churches without resident pastors, with only once-a-month preaching, are finding themselves inadequately taught and trained to meet the pressing needs of to-day. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," we are beginning to see, is as truly a part of the commission of our Lord as is evangelizing the lost. Our Home Board is undertaking to help in this great work for the enlistment and strengthening of our undeveloped churches. To strengthen our Board in this work is to strengthen everything for which Baptists stand.

Our Home Board schools, of which there are now 34 (9 of which are located in North Carolina) are doing a glorious work, more than 5,000 students being in attendance last year.

Three thousand unhoused churches in our Convention territory, with thousands of others in buildings that are not adequate to their needs, mutely appeal for a large and hearty support to the Home Board in raising the Million Dollar Church Building Loan Fund.

In the Southwest, in Cuba and Panama, among the Southern mountains, in destitute city places and in needy rural districts throughout the South, among the Indians and Negroes and the foreigners, through evangelism, church building work and enlistment endeavor, our Home Mission Board is to-day doing the greatest work of all of its fruitful history.

With all these tasks pressing for vigorous, capable attention, our Board stands in the front ranks of these agencies of our Baptist body through which we seek to keep inviolate in a day of testing, the great Baptist principle of loyalty to Christ and the teachings of His Word. There is danger that new and increasing Southern wealth shall lead men to drown the voice of spiritual appeal in the noise of the marketplace. There is a danger, now that the world has become a single community, that we shall love humanity in the abstract and forget to love our neighbors in their own persons—those who live with us and who are the inescapable test of the reality of our love for men. There is danger that hasty effort on the part of some of our churches to adjust themselves to new and involved social service requirements, may betray us into a wrong emphasis. There is danger that the quality of our impact upon society may be impaired by confusing the "goodly pearls" of social

efficiency and human fraternity with "the Pearl of Great Price." Christianity means better living conditions among men, but the supreme business of the churches is to produce these better conditions by producing better men and women.

The Home Mission Board apportionment for the whole South is this year $431,750. The apportionment for our State is $32,500 and that for our Association is $1,500. Every dollar of the apportionment will be needed, if the Board is to provide for even the most urgent necessities in the various departments of its work.

1. We recommend that the amount for our Association be apportioned among the churches and each church requested to raise its entire amount.

2. That pastors and workers urge churches to subscribe for The Home Field, the monthly Home Missionary magazine, and to make the largest use of the excellent Home Mission tracts, which are free on application.

3. That our churches remember Home Missions during the year and give with more regularity to meet the constant needs of the Board.

4. That earnest prayer be made for the cause of Home Missions in all the churches and that our pastors be requested to preach on this subject as often as practicable.

The address of the Home Mission Board is Third National Bank Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

Fraternally submitted. W. A. SMITH.

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

The report on Old Ministers' Relief was then taken up and report was read by J. W. Snyder, which after some remarks, was adopted.

The Baptist Ministers' Relief Board was established twenty-three years ago. During that time it has brought relief to one hundred and three needy beneficiaries—ministers and widows of ministers. This is the largest number ever receiving aid at one time. The beneficiaris receive from $25 to $200 dollars per year. Many of them need more.

Statistics show a decrease in contributions to this object for the last two or three years. Thus the increasing number of beneficiaries and the higher cost of living makes an increase of funds imperative. Nearly three-fifth of the churches of the State give nothing for this object. More than one-fourth of the Associations give nothing for this object.

We sincerely hope and urge that each church of this Association will remember these old servants of God by giving them a liberal

Christmas present as we do the Orphanage on Thanksgiving Day. A Christmas check is sent to each beneficiary.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. SNYDER.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. J. D. Withers, the President of the Women's Missionary Societies in the Association. The report elicited quite a wide range of discussion. Mrs. Withers extended a most cordial invitation for all to attend the meeting of the State Jubilate to be held October 29-31 with the First Baptist church in Charlotte. Remarks were made by J. W. Whitley, W. A. Smith, T. J. Renfrow, F. M. Lyles, J. C. Gillespie, L. R. Pruett, Mrs. S. N. Watson, J. B. Phillips and S. N. Watson. The report was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes of the Association.

In the organization of the W. M. U. every opportunity for the devotion of woman's life is offered. This is her natural sphere and in it she can do her best and most soul-satisfying work. Even though God instituted the home and blessed it, He does not mean for us to put our whole time to that and leave out everything else; to shut ourselves in our homes and shut out every other interest. But He would have us live full, consecrated lives for Him. He would have us reach out beyond our home. Every woman can devote some of her life to interests outside of her home, and the one thing to which she naturally turns is the religious work. And this work needs her devotion more than any other.

We have in the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association 24 churches and in 15 of them we have Woman's Missionary Societies, in 8 Young Woman's Auxiliaries and in 10 Sunbeam Bands. This year's report shows the largest in our history, having more than reached the apportionment given us by the Central Committee.

During the year I have written 69 letters, 34 postals, sent out literature, traveled 74 miles, amount reported $2,659.29.

We rejoice that we are growing along all lines. The special days of prayer and offering is being observed by the majority of the Societies.

Our Y. W. A.'s and Sunbeam Bands show decided progress. There is always the ambition for larger and greater things. There are greater things in view, larger hopes entertained and we plan how these may be brought about and now at the close of the year's work, we call on you to rejoice in the great things God has done for us, and to go forward with renewed hope and courage to make the coming year the best in our history—the greatest year for

North Carolina, and for the coming of the Kingdom of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. D. WITHERS.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following reports were then read by the Clerk and adopted:

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER.

We, the committee on Time, Place and Preacher for the next session, report as follows:

Place—Kannapolis. Time—Tuesday night after the 2nd Sunday in September, 1914. Preacher—Dr. W. M. Vines. Alternate R. E. Brown.

J. W. SNYDER,
A. P. SMITH,
S. A. HELMS, Committee.

DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

To go to the Southern Baptist Convention we nominate Rev. W. A. Smith, O. A. Keller; alternates W. A. Hough, J. P. Stroup and W. A. Hough.

O. A. KELLER,
W. A. HOUGH,
J. P. STROUP, Committee.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, the committee to nominate Executive Board, report as follows:

L. R. Pruett, Chairman, W. A. Smith, T. J. Renfrow, W. M. Vines and C. B. Mooney.

D. F. HELMS,
W. A. HOUGH,
E. S. IVORY, Committee.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION.

We, your committee to nominate delegates to the next session of the Baptist State Convention, beg leave to submit the following: J. C. Gillespie and Rev. J. W. Snyder.

W. H. DAVIS,
J. A. COMBS,
H. W. PIGGE, Committee.

The Association by motion instructed the treasurer to turn over to the clerk the minute fund for the printing of

the minutes and that he be allowed the usual compensation for his services.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Rev. W. A. Smith offered the following resolution of thanks: Resolved, that we extend to this the Matthews church and the good people of this community our most hearty thanks for their generous hospitality and most lavish entertainment of the Association. The vote was most heartily given when the Association adjourned to meet at Kannapolis on Tuesday night after the 2nd Sunday in September, 1914.

MINUTE FUND.

	Membership	Amount
Arlington	208	$ 2.50
Clear Creek	119	2.00
Cornelius	138	2.50
Chadwick	214	3.00
Charlotte, First Church	988	10.00
Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial	303	5.00
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue	566	7.50
Charlotte, Allen Street	278	3.50
Charlotte, North	121	1.50
Concord, First Church	171	3.00
Concord, McGill Street	233	3.50
Concord, West	235	2.50
Friendship	35	1.50
Huntersville	25	1.00
Independence Hill	65	1.50
Kannapolis	300	3.00
Long Creek	47	1.50
Matthews	108	3.00
Newell	21	
Oak Grove	55	2.00
Rockwell, New Church	44	1.00
Pleasant Plain	106	1.00
Stough Memorial	95	2.00
Union Grove	38	1.00
Wilson Grove	131	
Special collection		70

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The fourth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association met with the Pineville Church, Thursday, September 25, 1913.

The morning session was opened by singing "Praise God frm Whom All Blessings Flow." The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. A. L. Stough, of Pineville.

The welcoming speech on behalf of the Pineville ladies was made by Mrs. J. M. Davenport, Mrs, J. W. Whitley, of Matthews, responding.

Words of welcome were also spoken by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Davis, and also by Rev. W. A. Smith and Rev. J. W. Whitley.

The roll was called and the following Societies responded:

Chadwick, W. M. S., 1; Charlotte, First Church, W. M. S, 23; Y. W. A.'s, 1; Royal Ambassadors, 1; Sunbeams, 1; Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial, M. M. S., 7; W. W. A.'s, 3; Sunbeams, 1; Charlotte, Allen Street, W. M. S., 1; Charlotte, Ninth Avenue, W. M. S., 7; Y. W. A.'s, 3; Sunbeams, 1; Cornelius, W. M. S., 3; Friendship, Y. W. A.'s 1; Matthews, W. M. S., 9; Oak Grove, W. M. S., 7; Y. W. A.'s 8; Sunbeams, 2; Pineville, W. M. S., 12; Wilson's Grove, W. M. S., 4. Total number of delegates present, 96.

The President in making her report spoke on "Woman's personal responsibility to missions," and urged an increase in the gifts that we may realize the apportionment allotted by the Central Committee.

Mrs. Blanche Burrus, corresponding secretary of the North Carolin State Union, was introduced and welcomed and after words of greeting she spoke on the "Jubilate." Miss Liddell, Mrs. C. E. Mason and Mrs. W. C. Dowd also spoke on this subject and extended a cordial invitation to all the delegates present to attend the State Jubilate to be held at the First Church, Charlotte, October 29.31.

The president announced the following committees:

Time and Place—Mrs. F. D. Lethco, Miss Liddell, Mrs. Richard Edwards, Mrs. C. T. Stroupe and Mrs. W. C. Dowd.

Resolutions—Mrs. C. E. Mason, Mrs. D. M. Austin, Mrs. J. W. Whitley, Mrs. Willis Brown and Miss Cora Edwards.

The morning session adjourned after singing "Let the lower lights be burning," and prayer by Mrs. W. C. Dowd.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Throw

out thet life line," Mrs. W. M. Vines conducting the devotional exercises.

Miss Liddell for the Executive Committee offered the following recommendations:: The Executive Committee recommend: First, two meetings a year, one to be held the first week in March for the election of officers, reports of societies and plans of work for the year, and one to be held the fourth week in September for inspiration, devotion and instruction. Second, the election of another vice-president who shall be a resident of the city of Charlotte.

On motion of Mrs. A. B. Springs the recommendations of the Executive Committee were adopted.

On motion of Miss Liddell, Mrs. C. E. Mason was elected second vice-president.

Mrs. Lethco presided at the conference in the discussion of the Ideal Society, each point in the standard of excellence being discussed by the following ladies: Mrs. D. M. Austin, Mrs. J. C. Gillespie, Mrs. C. B. Rogers, Mrs. C. M. Beam, Mrs. T. B. Lee and Mrs. Ben. Price.

Mrs. W. A. Smith presided at the conference for Jnior work.

The Sunbeams of the Pineville church rendered a very interesting program.

Mrs. C. W. Jones spoke on the work of the Y. W. A.'s, especially emphasizing the importance of the Mission Study Class.

Mrs. W. B. Floyd read a very helpful and interesting paper on the work of the Sunbeams.

Mrs. W. C. Dowd emphasized missions in the Sunday school, urging the ladies to bring misions before the school in some way every Sunday.

Mrs. Willis Brown read a paper on the work of the Royal Ambassadors, giving some very helpful personal experiences.

A discussion followed, quite a number promising to organize Junior Societies in their churches.

Mrs. F. D. Lethco, for the Committee on Time and Place, made the following report: Following the recommendation of the Executive Committee and adopted by the Association, that the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association hold two meetings a year, this committee presents for the time of meetings the first week in March and the fourth week in September, the March meeting to be held with the Ninth Avenue church of Charlotte and the September meeting to be held with the Cornelius church.

On motion of Miss Liddell this report was adopted.

Mrs. C. E. Mason, for the Committee on Resolutions, made the following report: Remembering with gratitude our dependence on our Heavenly Father for the bright skies, good health, the desire for the assembling of ourselves together in our annual meeting, we are grateful for these every-day blessings that have made possible the measure of success that we have attained and for our faithful and consecrated president. We greatly appreciate the very kind welcome from the Pineville church given by Mrs. Davenport. And the presence and welcome from the pastor, Mr. Davis, and words of interest and co-operation from two other pastors, Mr. Smith and Mr. Whitley. Also the bounteous and enjoyable luncheon served by the ladies of the Pineville church. We wish to extend our thanks to Mrs. Carrie McLean for the typewritten programs for this meeting. We are deeply grateful to the Central Committee for Miss Burrus, who comes to us with information and words of encouragement.

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

On motion of Mrs. King report was adopted.

A collection to defray expenses was taken amounting to $3.70.

After singing hymn, "I go where you want me to go, dear Lord," and prayer by Rev. Mr. Davis, the Union adjourned.

MRS. L. R. PRUETT, Secretary.

A NOTE TO THE PASTORS.

Send all but minute money to the Treasurer, Walters Durham, Raleigh.

Aid your Clerk in filling out the church letters to the Association, and make your entries first on a slip of paper and when they are correct put them in the letter. The letters at the last session were blotched and blurred until some were unrecognizable. See that all the blanks are filled and columns correctly added. Get someone to fill the letter who can write a legible hand.

S. F. CONRAD, Clerk.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND TIME OF MEETING.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS	TIME OF MEETING
Arlington—D. F. Helms, Charlotte, N. C.	W. A. Connell, Route 11, Charlotte, N. C.	2nd Sunday
Clear Creek—D. F. Helms, Charlotte, N. C.	L. S. Pigge, Unionville, N. C.	4th Sunday
Cornelius—W. A. Hough, Cornelius, N. C.	C. B. Mooney, Cornelius, N. C.	Weekly
Chadwick—J. C. Gillespie, Chadwick, Charlotte, N. C.	C. H. Bogan, Chadwick, Station, N. C.	1st, 2nd, 4th S.
Charlotte, First Church—W. M. Vines, Charlotte, N. C.	J. A. Durham, Charlotte, N. C.	Weekly
Charlotte, P. Memorial—W. A. Smith, Charlotte, N. C.	J. J. Ezzell, Charlotte, N. C.	Weekly
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue—L. R. Pruett, Charlotte, N. C.	Fred S. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C.	Weekly
Charlotte, Allen Street—O. A. Keller, Charlotte, N. C.	Lackey Allen, Belmont, Charlotte, N. C.	Weekly
Charlote, North—E. S. Ivory, North Charlotte, N. C.	B. F. Cato, North Charlotte, N. C.	Weekly
Concord, First Church—R. E. Brown, Concord, N. C.	H. C. Herring, Concord, N. C.	Weekly
Concord, McGill Street—J. L. Rogers, Concord, N. C.	J. P. Crowell, Concord, N. C.	Weekly
Concord, West—J. W. Snyder, Concord, N. C.	G. W. Miller, Concord, N. C.	Weekly
Friendship—W. H. Davis, Pineville, N. C.	Covington Garrison, R. 12, Charlotte, N. C.	2nd S. 4 P. M.
Huntersville—W. A. Hough, Cornelius, N. C.	C. B. Mooney, Cornelius, N. C.	Weekly
Independence Hill—J. A. Combs, Chadwick, Charlotte, N. C.	Chas. S. Davis, Route 7, Charlotte	2nd and 4th S.
Kannapolis—E. C. Andrews, Kannapolis, N. C.	S. T. Reader, Kannapolis, N. C.	Weekly
Long Creek—S. F. Conrad, Charlote, N. C.	Miss Odessa Beaty, Route —, Paw Creek, N. C.	1st Sun.
Matthews—J. W. Whitley, Matthews, N. C.	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews, N. C.	2nd and 4th S.
Newell—J. A. Combs, Chadwick, Charlotte, N. C.	A. B. Jourdan, Derita, N. C.	1st Sunday
Oak Grove—W. H. Davis, Pineville, N. C.	M. A. Edwards, Pineville, N. C.	4th Sunday
Pleasant Grove—J. C. Gillespie, Chadwick, Charlotte, N. C.	J. E. Broom, Matthews, N. C.	3rd Sunday
Stough Memorial—W. H. Davis, Pineville, N. C.	W. G. Griffin, Pineville, N. C.	4th Sunday
Union Grove—W. A. Hough, Cornelius, N. C.	Hampton Hastings, Huntersville, N. C.	1st and 3rd S.
Wilson Grove—J. W. Whitley, Matthews, N. C.	T. E. Pigge, R. F. D., Charlotte, N. C.	2nd and 4th S.
Rockwell—W. A. Hough, Cornelius, N. C.	G. E. Smith, Mooresville, N. C.	2nd and 4th S.

OTHER CONTRIBUTING AGENCIES IN THE CHURCHES.

NAME OF CHURCH, PRESIDENT AND POSTOFFICE	Membership	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Training School	Other Objects	Grand Total
Arlington, W. M. S.—Mrs. W. F. Haigler, R.11, Charlotte	18	$ 6.05	$ 2.00	$ 5.60	$	$	$	$	$ 13.65
Cornelius,W.M.S.—Mrs. E. M. Wilhelm, Cornelius	25	20.00	10.00	15.00				7.50	52.50
Chadwick, W.M.S.—Mrs. J. A. Combs, Charlotte	33	19.78	12.59	18.68			3.36	7.75	62.16
Charlotte, 1st Ch., W.M.S.—Mrs. W. C. Dowd, Charlotte	96	215.00	505.00	839.65					1559.65
Charlotte, 1st Ch., Y.W. M. S.—Mrs.A.B.Springs, Char.	25	19.00	47.80	40.35					107.15
Charlotte, 1st Ch., Sunbeams—Mrs.A.S.Reid, Charloot	65	52.00	114.53	96.80					264.10
Charlotte, 1st Ch., Ladies Aid Society, Charlotte									645.10
P. Memorial, W.M.U.—Mrs. F. D. Lethco, Charlotte	32	48.45	62.20	165.16				8.20	284.01
P. Memorial, Y.W.M.A.—Mrs. C. W. Jones, Charlotte		8.11	8.50	22.00			10.00	1.60	50.21
P. Memorial, Sunbeams—Mrs. W. A. Smith, Charlotte		2.00	3.50	2.50			2.00		10.00
P. Memorial, Jr. Y.W.A.—Mrs.W. A. Smith, Charlotte		2.00	2.50	3.50			2.00	1.00	11.00
Ninth Avenue, W. M. S.—Mrs. C. B. Rogers, Charlotte		40.00	12.00	28.75			12.65	1.70	95.10
Ninth Avenue, Y. P. M. Band—Ross Boyd, Charlotte		11.65	11.00	29.68					52.33
Ninth Avenue, Sunbeams—Miss Louise Young, Charlotte		5.00	1.27	8.77					15.04
Ninth Avenue, Ladies' Aid Society—Mrs. L. A. Pruett, "								197.70	197.70
Concord, 1st Ch., W.M.S.—Mrs. H. S. Williams, Concord	30	33.00	5.00						38.00
Concord,1st Ch., Y. W. A.—Miss Mattie Jones, Concord	36	9.00	3.00	8.00					20.00
Concord, 1st Ch., B. Y. P. U.—Homer Snyder, Concord	33	21.00	5.00			10.00		76.10	112.10
Concord, McGill St., W. M. S.—Mrs. J. L. Rogers, "	15	10.00	12.00	5.00				14.56	56.56
Concord, McGill St., Ladies' Aid—Mrs. D. A. Price, "	16								61.58

OTHER CONTRIBUTING AGENCIES IN THE CHURCHES—Continued.

NAME OF CHURCH, PRESIDENT AND POSTOFFICE	Membership	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Training School	Other Objects	Grand Total
Concord, McGill St., Sunbeams—Mrs. Eliza Mills, "	30	2.50		2.50					5.00
Friendship, Y.L.M.S.—Miss Dora Fisher, R. 4, Charlotte	12	14.70	12.83	22.00	5.00				64.53
Friendship, Sunbeams—Miss Maggie Mitchell, R. 4 "					5.00				64.53
Independence Hill, W. M. S.—Mrs. Sue Atkins, Derita	9	1.70	1.00	5.70				1.25	9.65
Matthews, W. M. S.—Mrs. J. W. Whitley, Matthews	18	6.25	3.50						9.75
Matthews, Sunbeams—George Sinclair, Matthews	19	4.00	1.32	4.65					9.97
Oak Grove, W. M. S.—Mrs. J. D. Withers, R.— Charlotte	13	9.00	10.72	10.00					29.72
Oak Grove, Y. W. A.—Mary Withers, R.— Charlotte	20	3.00	2.50	2.75					8.25
Stough Memorial,W.M.S.—Mrs.J.E.M.Davenport, Pineville	14	3.00	6.00					35.36	44.36
Stough Memorial, Sunbeams—Carrie Cole, Pineville	22	1.00	3.05	4.00					8.05
Stough Memorial, B. Y. P. U.—W. G. Griffin, Pineville	32								6.51
Wilson Grove, W. M. S.—M. M. Small, R. 11, Charlotte	26	2.00	4.50	3.00			.50		10.00
Rockwell, W. M. S.—Mollie Caldwell, Mooresville	15								
		$569.19	$863.31	1344.04	$ 55.00	$ 10.00	$ 30.51	$352.72	$3931.08

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS AND ADDRESSES.

SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES.	SECRETARIES AND POSTOFFICES.
Arlington—F. D. Hamilton, Route 11, Charlotte, N. C.	L. J. Mullis, Route 11, Charlotte, N. C.
Clear Creek, H. W. Pigge, Unionville, N. C.	Ira Ferguson, Route 11, Charlotte, N. C.
Cornelius—C. B. Mooney, Davidson, N. C.	Paul Readling, Cornelius, N. C.
Chadwick, C. H. Bogan, Chadwick Station, N. C.	Miss Bessie Brinkley, Chadwick Station, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, 1st Church—W. C. Dowd, Charlotte, N. C.	E. B. Howell, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, P. Memorial—W. F. Dowd, harlotte, N. C.	J. B. McCoy, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, 9th Avenue—Fred S. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C.	Richard Young, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, Allen Street—P. N. Martin, Charlotte, N. C.	A. H. Godfrey, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, North—B. F. Cato, North Charlotte, N. C.	L. M. Pruett, North Charlotte, N. C.
Concord, First Church—H. C. Herring, Concord, N. C.	Floyd Corzine, Concord, N. C.
Concord, McGill Street—C. E. Herrin Concord, N. C.	W. L. Furr, Concord, N. C.
Concord, West—W. F. Stegall, Concord, N. C.	R. P. Hill, Concord, N. C.
Friendship—C. Garrison, Route 12, Charlotte, N. C.	Lister Walker, Route 4, Charlotte, N. C.
Huntersville—Union School.	
Independence Hill—H. B. Blackman, R. 21, Huntersville.	C. A. Davis, Route 7, Charlotte, N. C.
Kanapolis—E. F. Carter, Kannapolis, N. C.	T. A. Davis, Kannapolis, N. C.
Long Creek—F. T. Beatty, Route 1, Paw Creek, N. C.	John Spurrier, Route 10, Paw Creek, N. C.
Matthews—Peter Phillips, Matthews, N. C.	E. A. Funderburk, Matthews, N. C.
Newell—No school.	
Oak Grove—B. M. Potts, Pineville, N. C.	Mabel Withers, R. F. D., Charlotte, N. C.
Pleasant Plain—J. E. Broom, R. F. D., Matthews, N. C.	Thomas McLeod, Matthews, N. C.
Stough Memorial—H. M. Stroup, Pineville, N. C.	Dennis Parks, Pineville, N. C.
Union Grove—B. M. Potts, Pineville, N. C.	Mabel Withers, R. F. D., Charlotte, N. C.
Wilson Grove—T. E. Pigge, R. F. D., Charlotte, N. C.	W. G. Stegall, R. F. D., Charlotte, N. C.
Rockwell—A. P. Sweet, Mooresville, N. C.	J. S. Jones, Mooresville, N. C.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Total for Uses at Home	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Missions
Arlington	$ 149.82	$	$ 17.00	$ 27.88	$ 31.02	$ 2.50	$ 25.90	$ 254.12	$ 18.05	$ 7.00	$ 10.60	$
Clear Creek	100.00		24.00	7.00	4.00	1.75		136.75	4.50	4.50	5.00	
Cornelius	275.00	215.00	15.00	30.00	37.28	2.50	28.50	603.28	30.00	15.00	20.00	7.0
Chadwick	300.00	334.90	55.67	78.68	15.75	3.00	170.53	958.53	30.00	20.00	25.00	6.4
Charlotte, First Church	2887.05	1107.77	2992.17	754.49	72.95	10.00		7824.43	606.77	883.86	1563.11	
Charlotte, P. Memorial	1800.00	572.77	699.50	214.91	10.00	5.00	110.22	3412.40	276.67	156.70	313.16	
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue	1500.00	628.30	422.82	135.42	22.00	7.50	309.40	3025.44	126.09	38.97	107.70	
Charlotte, Allen Street	776.11	383.59	73.62	57.13	34.24	3.50	649.77	1977.96	35.25	27.25	27.75	
Charlote, North	600.00	782.00	33.01	51.66		1.50	10.00	1478.17	5.40	2.00	3.47	
Concord, First Church	900.00	8.70		211.82	4.35	3.00	527.44	1655.31	83.50	13.00	33.50	
Concord, McGill Street	1000.00	131.55	101.67	120.78	30.00	3.50	435.00	1822.50	43.25	19.50	28.15	
Concord, West	335.40	15.00	52.65	38.90	25.00	2.50	236.00	705.45	25.00	8.00	50.10	
Friendship	100.00	2.75		17.00		1.50	3.00	124.25	36.70	32.85	41.00	5.0
Huntersville	40.00		5.00			1.00		46.00	3.50	2.50	2.00	
Independence Hill	100.00	20.00	15.00	12.68		1.50	60.00	209.18	16.00	6.30	7.50	1.0
Kannapolis	600.00	351.84	30.00	173.03	5.18	3.00	65.00	1228.05	50.00	59.17	15.00	2.0
Long Creek	100.00		5.00	60.00		2.00	17.90	184.90	7.00	12.00	12.00	1.0
Matthews	500.00	205.05		48.00		3.00	25.00	781.00	25.00	15.00	20.00	
Newell	50.00	2.50				.75		53.25	2.10	2.05		
Oak Grove	300.00			48.12		2.00		350.12	15.00	11.00	13.15	
Pleasant Plain	200.00			10.00		1.00		211.00	17.00	6.00	5.00	
Stough Memorial	175.00	10.00	10.00	46.80		2.00		243.80	19.70	21.90	22.85	
Union Grove	75.00		3.00		5.00	1.00	10.00	94.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	
Wilson Grove	245.00	320.00	14.00	3.16				582.16	4.13	5.50	10.00	
Rockwell Church	100.00	1250.00	6.00	21.00		1.00	5.00	1383.00	10.00	3.75	3.75	2.4
	$13208.38	$6341.72	$4575.11	$2168.46	$ 296.77	$ 66.00	$2688.66	$29345.05	$1495.61	$1567.78	$2344.79	$ 24.8

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

	Value of Church Property	Seating Capacity	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Net Gain	Net Loss	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
Arlington	$2,000.00	600	10	6	1	11	1	4	1		98	110	208
Clear Creek	1,000.00	400	5	1	1	3	3		1		52	67	119
Cornelius	3,000.00	500	9	1		34		4		28	58	80	138
Chadwick	3,300.00	400	53	36	4	16	2		75		98	116	214
Charlotte, First Church	100,000.00	850	9	36	2	55		2		10			988
Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial	16,000.00	350	15	28	1	24	1	2	17		115	188	303
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue	22,000.00	500	21	30	2	24		2	27		195	371	566
Charlotte, Allen Street	1,500.00	600	12	65	1	19	3	2	54		94	184	278
Charlotte, North	7,725.00	600		13		7			6		37	84	121
Concord, First Church	5,000.00	700	5	8		19		2		8	59	112	171
Concord, McGill Street	4,500.00	650	17	18	3	33	7	4		6	90	143	233
Concord, West	1,800.00	400	17	34	2	8	5		40		90	145	235
Friendship	1,500.00	300	3				1	2			10	25	35
Huntersville	300.00			2					2		11	14	25
Independence Hill	1,800.00	350	3						3		21	44	65
Kannapolis	8,000.00	500	46	57		14		1	88		123	177	300
Long Creek	600.00	250	5	1		1			5		18	29	47
Matthews	6,000.00	500	4	1		4			1		45	63	108
Newell	1,000.00	400	1	6	1	2		1	5		7	14	21
Oak Grove	1,000.00	400	3		1	2		1	1				55
Pleasant Plain	1,000.00	300	18	6	2	10		1	15		36	70	106
Stough Memorial	2,000.00	500	11	4	1	1	5	1	9		24	71	95
Union Grove	300.00	200	4	2				1	5		14	24	38
Wilson Grove	1,820.00	300	15	13	1	1		1	27		54	77	131
Rockwell	1,500.00	350	17	3		9			11		18	26	44
	$194,645.00	10,900	303	371	23	297	28	31	393		1367	2234	4644

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

	Officers and Teachers	No. Pupils Enrolled	Total Enrollment	Attendance Average	Ch. Membership	No. of Schools	Months Open	No. Organized Adult Classes	No. Baptisms From School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total
Arlington	7	128	135	42		1	12		3	$ 27.88	$	$ 6.87	$ 3.15	$ 37.90
Clear Creek	5	65	70	45	30	1	12		3	7.00				7.00
Cornelius	8	102	110	70	50	1	12	2	7	30.00		27.00	17.62	74.62
Chadwick	12	259	271	161	150	1	12	3	42	78.65	7.55	21.71	26.50	134.41
Charlotte, First Church	27	650	677	438		1	12	5		754.49	100.00	259.40	63.53	1159.30
Charlotte, P. Memorial	17	239	246	160		1	12	2		214.91	20.95	85.00	99.42	420.82
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue	15	375	390	195	110	1	12	4	15	135.42	18.45	50.00		203.87
Charlotte, Allen Street	13	413	426	165		1	12		9	57.13		48.75	83.92	198.82
Charlotte, North	8	206	214	108		1	12	3		51.66	3.00	32.35		87.01
Concord, First Church	15	157	172	98	65	1	12	3	5	88.07		65.00	58.75	211.82
Concord, McGill Street	12	235	247	165		1	12	3		120.78		42.95		163.53
Concord, West	15	262	277	116	75	1	12	2	7	38.90		12.20	85.61	136.71
Friendship	4	23	27	15		1	12		3	17.00		15.00	2.75	34.75
Huntersville, (Union School)														
Independence Hill	6	50	56	34	30	1	12	2	3	8.68		4.00	11.05	23.73
Kannapolis	16	417	433	275		1	12	3	35	173.03		65.00		238.03
Long Creek	6	56	62	40	12	1	12	3	1	60.00	20.00			80.00
Matthews	8	90	98	55		1	12	4	4	48.00		12.00	24.00	84.00
Newell, (No School)														
Oak Grove	10	56	66	33		1	12		3	48.12				48.12
Pleasant Plain	7	50	57	40		1	12	2	6	10.00				10.00
Stough Memorial	8	90	98	70	30	1	12	2	10	46.80		24.00		70.80
Union Grove, (No School)														
Wilson Grove	8	68	76	45	25	1	12	1	3	3.16				3.16
Rockwell Church	8	120	128	60	30	1	12	4	14	21.00	2.40	8.06	5.00	36.40
	235	4191	4336	2428	607	23	12	48	173	$2130.68	$ 172.35	$ 779.29	$ 481.30	$3464.80

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Vines, W. M., Charlotte, N. C.
Whitley, J. W. Matthews, N. C.
Walker, W. L., Rome, Ga.

PROGRAMME FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

To write report on State Missions—G. V. Tilley.
To write report on Home Missions—R. D. Cross.
To write report on Foreign Missions—W. A. Smith.
To write report on Orphanage—J. W. Whitely.
To write report on Periodicals—S. J. Beeker.
To write report on Sunday Schools—R. D. Carroll.
To write report on Education—Dr. W. M. Vines.

To write report on Secondary Schools—T. D. Maness.
To write report on Ministerial Education—F. A. Lyles.
To write report on Temperance—J. W. Snyder.
To write report on Old Ministers' Relief—J. C. Gillespie.
To write report on Woman's Work—Mrs. J. D. Withers.

BY-LAWS.

1. The daily session of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Delegates shall be recognized by letters from their churches, designating them as such.

3. The moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers or the delegates of newly-received churches by extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

4. The clerk shall provide blank letters for the use of the churches of the Association previous to the meeting of the Association, superintend the publication and distribution of the minutes, preserve a file of them and have it present at each annual session, read the proceedings of the preceding session at the beginning of each morning session, and the last day's proceedings at the close of the annual session.

5. Members desiring to speak shall first rise and address the moderator; shall use the term "Brother" in speaking to each other; shall not speak on same subject more than twice without permission and shall observe the courtesy that becomes Christians.

6. Members shall not absent themselves from the session without permission of the Association.

7. A copy of the minutes shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Mission Board, also a copy to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one to the American Baptist publication Society, 1420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, and one to the Field Secretary of the Sunday Schools in North Carolina.

8. All questions of order not herin provided shall be decided by "Parliamentary Law."

9. The report of the Executive Board and the Missionary work of the Association with short reports from the missionaries shall take precedence of all other business during the morning session of the second day of the annual session.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Enrollment of delegates.
2. Election of officers.
3. Petitionary letters.
4. Appointment of committees for the session.
5. Appointment of standing committees.
6. Report of special committees.
7. Report of standing committees.
8. Report of other committees.
9. Miscellaneous business.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association met in its twenty-ninth annual session with the Kannapolis Baptist Church on Tuesday night, September 15, 1914. After devotional exercises, led by R. D. Carroll, the pastor, S. J. Beeker, extended to the Association a most cordial address of welcome. The introductory sermon was then preached by Dr. W. M. Vines, of Charlotte, taking for his text 1 Cor. 16:9: "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, but there are many adversaries."

ORGANIZATION.

Rev. R. L. Pruett, the moderator, called the Association to order and asked the pleasure of the body as to organization, whereupon by motion of W. A. Smith the Association decided to go into organization by the election of its officers. Dr. W. M. Vines then moved that the former moderator, L. R. Pruett, be elected by acclamation. The motion was put and unanimously carried. W. A. Smith moved that the former clerk, S. F. Conrad, be re-elected by acclamation. The motion was also unanimously adopted. On motion of J. W. Whitley, J. J. Ezzell was unanimously re-elected treasurer.

D. F. Helms urged the importance of having a historian to write a history of the Association, and upon motion it was so ordered and the moderator asked to appoint a committee to make a suitable selection. The moderator announced that the committee would be announced at the morning session.

A message was received from the Presbytery in session

at the Presbyterian church in Kannapolis sending greeting and asking God's blessing upon the Association. The clerk was instructed to make a suitable reply.

The moderator announced the following committee to report on order of business: W. A. Smith, T. J. Renfrow and C. B. Mooney. Pending the report the moderator asked G. V. Tilley, pastor of First Church, Concord; R. D. Crop, pastor at Matthews; R. D. Carroll, pastor of Allen Street Church, Charlotte, and S. J. Beeker, pastor of Kannapolis Church, to address the Association, all of them being new pastors in the Association.

The committee then made the following partial report: Devotional exercises at 9 to 9:30 A. M., to be conducted by R. D. Crop; 9:30 to 10, Report on Woman's Work; 10 to 10:45, Periodicals; 10:45 to 11:30, Old Ministers' Relief. Association then adjourned with benediction by F. A. Lyles.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESION.

The Association met at 9 A. M., and was led is devotional exercises by R. D. Crop, after which it was called to order by the moderator, when the proceedings of the night session were read and approved.

COMPLETE REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The following completed report was presented by the committee:

9:30 to 10:15, Periodicals; 10:15 to 11:00, Old Ministers' Relief; 11:00 to 11:30, Woman's Work; 11:00 to 1:00 P. M., Dinner; 1:00 to 2:00, Home Missions; 2:00 to 3:00, Report on Sunday Schools; 3:00 to 3:30, Report on Education; 3:30 to 4:00, Report on Secondary Schools; 7:30 to 8:00, Devotional Exercises by G. V. Tilley; 8:00 to 9:30, State Missions.

For Thursday's Session: 9:00 to 9:30, Devotional Exercises by R. D. Carroll; 9:30 to 10:30, Orphanage; 10:30 to 11:30, Foreign Missions; 11:30 to 1:00 P. M., Dinner; 1:00 to 1:30, Temperance; 1:30 to close, Miscellaneous.

Arlington—W. M. Connell, W. C. Aldridge.

Clear Creek—No delegates.

Cornelius—C. B. Mooney, C. S. Hudspeth, John Christie, Mrs. C. B. Mooney.

Chadwick—J. W. Rogers, M. A. Morton, C. C. Thomas, E. A. Livingston, J. C. Gillespie.

Charlotte, First Church—Dr. W. M. Vines, Rev. T. B. Phillips.

Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial—Rev. D. M. Austin, J. J. Ezzell, W. F. Dowd.

Charlotte, Ninth Avenue—Rev. L. R. Prutt, S. F. Conrad, R. J. Boyd.

Charlotte, Allen Street—Rev. R. D. Carroll, Rev. J. F. Davis, E. M. Griffin, A. B. Hays, W. F. Allen, D. M. Helms, J. W. Bounds.

Charlotte, North—John Wilson, Luther Hope.

Concord, First Church—T. D. Maness, Dr. H. C. Herring, Joe Kearnes, R. P. Lentz, Rev. Geo. V. Tilley.

Concord, McGill Street—I. P. Shankle, J. N. Perry, B. Funderburk.

Concord, West—A. D. Christo, J. F. Kizer, J. W. Snyder.

Friendship—Mrs. Ben Price.

Hopewell—W. R. Small, T. B. White, G. W. Gurley.

Huntersville—T. S. Walters.

Independence Hill—R. H. Beatty, S. W. Davis, H. O. Baker.

Kannapolis—M. H. Carter, Foy Fisher, W. J. Davis.

Matthews—T. J. Renfrow, W. C. Stokes.

Newell—A. D. Jourdan, Cleve Kerr, J. R. Austin, A. A. Pearson.

Oak Grove—J. P. Stroup.

Pleasant Plain—H. B. King, C. F. Underwood.

Rockwell—A. P. Srout, Will Archer, H. L. Kennedy, W. R. Barnett.

Stough Memorial—Rev. F. A. Lyles, A. L. Helms, J. R. Cook, W. O. Bailes.

Thrift—H. M. Blackwelder, J. F. Belk.

Union Grove—No delegates.

Wilson Grove—W. R. Small.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS,

J. C. Gillespie read the report, which was discussed by himself, W. M. Green, the representative of the Biblical Recorder, R. D. Cross, J. T. Renfrow and R. D. Carroll. On motion report was adopted.

Religious literature is one of the most important factors in our Christian life and activity. Well has it been said that what the secular paper is to the community and to he State, the religious paper is to the church and the church work; and that just as the man who does not read the secular paper cannot attain to the highest sate of citizenship, so the Christian who does not read the religious paper cannot attain to the highest efficiency as a Christian.

We would urge the Baptists of our Association to try to realize more, as a body, the importance of reading and studying religious literature, and especially our own Baptist literature; and that as much as possible see to it that this kind of literature is put into all our homes. This is needed not only as a healthy stimulant, and source of strength for ourselves and children, but also to help counteract the harmful effects brought about by unwholesome and unsound literature with which the country is being flooded today.

We would especially recommend The Biblical Recorder, which has been now for nearly four score years "our denominational mouthpiece ever calling us to greater tasks and clearer visions" in all departments and in all lines of our church work; The Home Field, which lays out before us the work of the Home Mission Board and the work done under the supervision of this Board; The Foreign Mission Journal, through the pages of which we have our work in the foreign fields presented; and Charity and Children, which keeps our orphanage work at Thomasville constantly before us, thus both aiding indirectly in securing the needed funds for present emergency and at the same time broadening the sympathies and hence the scope of the co-operative forces.

We would also most heartily recommend the literature and books of our own Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn, both because none are better nor cheaper and because when we patronize our own house we turn into our own denominational treasury a per cent to be used in our own denominational work.

Respectfully, JAS. C. GILLESPIE, Chairman.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The report was called for and read by E. S. Ivory and followed by W. A. Smith, Archibald Johnson and Dr. E. W. Sikes of Wake Forest. Report was adopted.

The Baptist Ministers' Relief Board, now located at Durham, N. C., dates its beginning with the year 1890. It is composed of nine trustees and several associate members who are elected each year by the State Convention. The trustees are invested with power to transact the business of the Board. No member of the Board receives any remuneration for his services.

The Board was put in operation for the purpose of bringing relief to aged ministers who have spent their lives battling for the Baptist cause in this State. Since its organization it has brought relief to one hundred and three ministers and widows of ministers. Those receiving aid receive from twenty-five to two hundred dollars per year. In some cases they have no other means of providing the necessities of life.

The Board is at present extending aid to about thirty-seven persons, and there are applications pending showing that many more are in need of assistance.

Now in view of the fact that the Board is rendering aid to the largest number since its organization, and that this number will continue to grow; and in view of the fact that nearly three-fifths of the churches of the State contribute nothing to this object, and one-fourth of the Associations giving nothing, we do earnestly urge that each church of this Association make regular contributions to this object, that each pastor endeavor to enlighten his people as to the needs and worthiness of this object, thereby enlisting their sympathy and support, and that a special collection be taken just before Christmas that a generous Christmas gift may bring sunshine and cheer into the lives of our aged ones. Let us remember Matt. 25:40, "Inomuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

E. S. IVORY.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The report was read and discussed by F. A. Lyles and W. A. Smith. Report was adopted.

It is always a pleasure for me to bring you news of the Woman's Work. Year by year there is a growth in interest and in work, much that cannot be written but all an inspiration and going to make the work well pleasing in the eyes of the Master.

Throughout the State Missionary Institutes are being held. These Institutes are ntended largely for training and information. The Charlotte division was held in the First Church, Charlotte, last November in connection with the Jubilate. This was a great meeting, largely attended, full of enthusiasm and inspiration.

YOUNG WOMEN'S WORK.

The work of our young women is fast becoming the most important feature of our State work, for on them largely depends the success in years to come. This year they have realized this fact more fully than ever and in all sections of the State new Auxiliaries have been organized. In the Junior Department there are seventy-eight new bands and nine new Chapters, making a total of Sunbeam Bands 375; total of Royal Ambassador Chapters, 78.

TRAINING SCHOOL.

The State has pledged to take the sum of $1,335, the amount to be distributed as follows: Two scholarships of $175 each, for current expenses $335, for enlargment $650.

The financial aim for the State for all objects is $42,535; any gifts or pledges made to the Jubilate fund being over and above this sum.

In reviewing the work of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association we feel we have much to be thankful for. During the year six new societies have been organized. We now have 33 societies. Letters written, 61; postals written, 29; leaflets sent out, 70; miles traveled, 46; amount reported, $2,614.36. For Judson centennial und, $571.3.

Our financial aim for 1914-15, $2,750.

There is much work to be done in the Association. We hope in the near future to employ a missionary to take up this work. A new year with greater tasks, greater opportunities and greater joys awaits us. Let us go forward rejoicing in the strength of Him who leads us, and praying for powers equal to our tasks, go forth with new hope and courage and determination to win the glory of His name. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. D. WITHERS.:

Visitors were recognized and welcomed to seats, among them Rev. W. N. Johnson of Wake Forest College, Prof. E. W. Sikes of Wake Forest College, and Archibald Johnson of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage. Association was adjourned with benediction by W. N. Johnson.

AFTERNOON SESSION—WEDNESDAY.

Association met at 1 P. M. and after devotional exercises the report on Home Missions was called for and read by Dr. W. M. Vines and discussed and was followed by R. D. Cross, S. J. Beeker and W. A. Smith, after which the report was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The hope of the world is Christianity, "for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." The Foreign Mission enterprise is the divine method of giving Christianity to a lost and perishing world. The structure of Foreign Missions rests upon two mighty pillars—the salvation of America and the work of Home Missions. These assertions are manifestly true, and if so, then the work of Home Missions is second to no other enterprise which should enlist the support of our churches. It is fundamental to all our work, to our very denominational life and to the kingdom of God in its advancement in the world.

The South is the last great stronghold and hope of the religion of the open Bible, and both from their peculiar doctrines and their numbers Baptists have the greatest opportunity and obligation to hold this great section for Jesus Christ and make it a center from which shall go out mighty forces of world redemption.

Never before in America have there been so many insidious attacks as there are to-day upon true religion. These attacks propose either no religion or a closed Bible, as Roman Catholics do, or a religion of a mutilated and grossly perverted Bible, as do Christian Science, Russellism and half a dozen other destructive false faiths. These modern false faiths all agree in a deceitful effort to destroy the Lordship and Deity of Jesus Christ, while Romanism obscures the worship of Christ by the closed Bible and saint worship.

In 1880 the population of the South was 18,000,000. Of the 33,000,000 here to-day, 22,000,000 make no profession of religion. If we count off 4,000,000 who, from infancy or other couses, are irresponsible, there are still in the South to-day a mighty host of unsaved people equal in number to the entire population of 1880!

Evangelistic effort is still more successful in the Southern Baptist Convention territory than in any other part of the country, but it is steadily becoming more difficult in our territory to win people to Christ or to hold those who have been won to lives of service

without a program for training and strengthening the life which has been implanted. This has its cause in the changing condition of life in our day. Machinery, transportation and intercommunication have largely broken up the old conditions of localism, independence and community spirit. Old habits and ideals are being swept away and even the churches of Christ must adjust themselves to the change and learn how to make spiritual and to direct the new life, or else lose their leadership and power. These changes cry out to us for a heroic and statesmanlike Home Mission program.

Last year more than 30,000 baptisms were reported by missionaries supported wholly or in part by our Home Mission Board. and more than 56,000 additions to Baptist churches. Matchless as is this record, equally promising for the future, though less adapted to being shown in figures, was the development and efficiency work accomplished through the Mission School and Enlistment activities of the Board.

With such glorious successes achieved, much larger Home Mission tasks are beckoning Southern Baptists to-day. There never was a time in the South when so much depended, as now depends, upon an alert, consecrated and militant missionary propaganda.

Through ten separate departments the Home Mission Board seeks to further the kingdom of our Lord in the South.

We recommend:

1. That our churches be encouraged to make a larger use of the splendid free Home Mission tracts issued by the Home Board, and to form study classes in the Board's new book, "Baptist Home Missions."

2. That clubs of subscribers be gotten in the churches for The Home Field. It is exceedingly distressing and unworthy situation that only one Baptist preacher in five in the South gets this splendid magazine.

3. We recommend that prayer be made in our churches for this great cause and for the saving and holding the South for our Lord Jesus Christ, and that preachers be requested to preach frequently on Home Mission subjects.

4. That, in order to make effective and definite the obligations of the individual churches to take their full share of Home Mission work, this Association assume $——— as its share of the State apportionment, and that the Executive Committee be authorized to apportion this amount among the churches.

W. M. VINES, Chm. Com.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The report was read by W. A. Smith, who followed it with discussion, which was also participated in by T. J. Renfrow. Report was adopted.

The Sunday School is preeminently the teaching service of the church. It is an organized effort for a systematic and practical study of the Bible. Wonderful advances have been made in this line of church activity within the last few years. A comparison shows that we reported more than 500 increase in the enrollment of our schools in this Association from 1912 to 1913. All the churches of our Association, except Huntersville, Newell and Union Grove, reported an evergreen Sunday School at the last Association. This year every church has an evergreen Sunday School with a total of 4,517 members, an increase of 326 over 1913.

The Sunday School work in North Carolina among Baptists was never more vigorously and successfully pushed than it is at present under the untiring efforts of our beloved Secretary, E. L. Middleton. Many Institutes and Training Schools for Sunday School workers have been held here and there throughout the State. One of these Institutes was held with the First Church of Charlotte for the Sunday Schools of this Association. It is to be regretted that more of our Sunday School workers did not avail themselves of this splendid Institute. Many of the schools are conducting classes in the Normal Training course and it is to be hoped that many other of our schools may have such clases during the ensuing year.

Your committee recommends:

1. That a strenuous effort be made to enlist a larger number of church members in the Sunday School.

2. That our Secretary, Brother Middleton, be requested to hold another trainng school within our bounds during the year and that every reasonable effort be made to secure a representative attendance from all our schools.

3. That every scool undertake a great Sunday School Rally Day, either preceding or followed by a great campaign to enlarge the schools.

4. That every school do its utmost to provide adequate equipment for its Sunday School work, in the way of separate rooms for classes and other furnishings necessary for an effectual work.

Respectfully submitted, W. A. SMITH

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The report on Education was next called for and was read by W. A. Hough, who gave his time for its discussion to

Dr. E. W. Sikes, ofWake Forest College. The report was adopted.

Baptists have ever stood for culture. They took the initiative in founding a denominational college in this State, and today they lead all others in the number and efficiency of their schools.

We have to-day fifteen or more schools of high grade, and four colleges, among the best in this State. These are filled to overflowing.

We recognize education as one of the chief functions of the State, for legislation and administration of justice fall back on the education of the people. All problems of the State are settled in the right education of her people.

We do not antagonize the State system of schools, we cheerfully support the same. The primary public schools of the State cover that period in the school life of our children, when they are still under the home roof and their religious training may still be conducted in the family, so that the risk of a wholly secular education, for this period is greatly reduced and Baptists may consistently look to the State, to make all needed provisions here.

But for the high school period, we have been unwilling as a people to trust our children to the secular guidance of the State. They are at the age for life's decisions, for commitment to great ideals and the joyful surrender to the friendship of Jesus. And at this responsive age and critical time they are not at home. Hence the great system of high schools and colleges owned and controlled by Baptists of the State.

While our system of high schools and colleges has no superior and scarcely an equal, and while they are overflowing with enrollment, there are many battles yet to be fought, much work to be done. We should not be satisfied until every worthy boy or girl in the State has a chance to prepare for the strenuous duties which are just ahead of us.

We therefore beg our people to send their sons to Wake Forest College, which has no superior in the South, and their girls to Meredith, which is worthy of our undivided patronage.

Respectfully submitted, W. A. HOUGH.

REPORT ON SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

The report was read by Prof. J. G. Carroll, who followed it by discussion which was participated in by E. C. Snyder, J. W. Bivens, T. D. Maness, D. M. Austin, J. W. Whitley, L. R. Pruett and W. A. Smith. This question elicited much interest on account of the adoption of the Wingate School

by the Association and the assumption of $1,500 of the indebtedness upon its buildings.

The Associations over the State own and control fifteen secondary schools. The property of these schools a year ago amounted to $307,500. The new buildings and equipment increase the property of these schools each year about $25,000 or $30,000. These institutions carry a debt of $40,000, with half of it secured by notes and subscriptions. About 100 teachers are employed, and the enrollment of students increases every year. This gives you some idea of the work in this department.

The course of study has been greatly improved and libraries and reading rooms are being developed. Many of these schools are in urgent need of enlarged buildings and more equipment, and some are burdened with debt. In my opinion, they are as worthy as any object of the convention, yet they fail to receive the support of the Baptists as a denomination. Individual Baptists have made these institutions possible, and to-day they are burdened with their support. Our Baptist leaders are the only persons who can give these institutions the right place in our work. If these schools live, two great changes are essential—they must be placed out of debt, and the course of study must be revised. Financial aid will make these changes possible.

The present indications are that our school at Wingate is entering upon its best year. It has opened with 250 students, and the outlook for the year's work is very encouraging. The financial condition has changed little since last year, with the exception of seating the auditorium at a cost of $500 by private subscriptions.

Let us see to it that these institutions are given the needed financial aid, our patronage and support, for they have in the making our denominational leaders, those who shall be pillars in church and State. If our young people are properly trained, all features of our denominational work will be safe in their hands.

Respectfully submitted, J. G. CARROLL.

COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED.

The moderator then announced the following committees:

To Select a Historian, which was composed of D. F. Helms. T. B. Phillips and J. R. Cook.

Committee to Nominate Executive Committee—J. J. Ezzell. H. C. Herring and J. R. McCurdy.

Committee on Time and Place and Preacher for Next Meeting—J. F. Davis, M. H. Carter and J. P. Stroupe.

Committee to nominate Delegates to State Convention—A. B. Hays, E. A. Livingston and J. N. Perry.

To nominate Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—J. A. Combs, R. P. Lentz and S. W. Davis.

By permission of the moderator and the Association, S. F. Conrad made a statement of the work at Thrift and a debt pending in bank which would fall due soon and asked for a collection to be applied to the same. On motion request was granted and the collection announced for the night service.

HOPEWELL CHURCH ASKS FOR ADMISSION.

W. A. Hough, who recently held a tent meeting at the old Hopewell church site, reported that a new church had been organized and that a letter was sent up to the Association asking admission into the body. The moderator then appointed a committee, composed of R. D. Carroll, R. D. Cross and J. W. Whitley to consider their application and articles of faith and to report to the Association at the morning session Thursday. The Association then adjourned till 7:30 tonight. Benediction by G. V. Tilley.

NIGHT SESSION—WEDNESDAY.

Association met at 7:30. Prayer was offered by G. V. Tilley.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The report on State Missions was read by J. W. Whitley, who followed the report with discussion. Livingston Johnson, the Secretary of the Board then addressed the Association, giving many startling facts as to the growth of the mission work in the State. On motion report was adopted.

During the first years of the Board's existence, its work was two fold—the education of the young ministry and evangelism. The emphasis was really placed on evangelism in general. Later on emphasis was placed upon strategic points with a view of establishing churches. Among the first places aided by the Board were Wilmington, Raleigh, Greensboro, Asheville and Charlotte. From these, as centers, other churches have been planted in other sections in thse cities, in adjacent towns, and in the surrounding country.

From time to time as the need became apparent and sufficient funds could be secured for their support, new features have been

introduced. In 1887 the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Baptist Convention of North Carolina was added. It has lived up to its name through all these years, going from $1,010.95 in 1887 to $39,668.96 last year in contributions to all the objects of the Convention.

In 1871 a Sunday School Board was organized. In 1887 it was consolidated with the Board of Missions. This department has grown in favor until now it is considered a very important department of the Board.

In 1898 the Convention voted to aid the mountain people in establishing and maintaining a system of schools. Rev. A. E. Brown was elected as assistant secretary. The Home Board's attention was called to this department and its co-operation was enlisted. The work proved to be so important that our Board turned the work over in 1904 to the Home Board.

The Laymen's Movement, which was first interdenominational, was made denominational, so far as we Baptists are concerned, at Wadesboro in 1909. Its progress has been slow but steady and under the efficient leadership of Dr. Chas. E. Brewer its ultimate success is assured.

At the session of 1912, the Convention instructed the Board to find and employ a suitable man for a secretary of the B. Y. P. U. work. Rev. Theo. B. Davis was engaged for this position. The work has met with many discouragements but is making some progress.

In 1912 at the Convention, arrangement was entered into with the Home Board to do co-operative work in enlisting the churches that are not giving to the cause of missions, in enlarging the number of contributions in the churches already aiding, and in consolidating our country churches into field-pastorates. Also to encouraging them to pay living salaries to their pastors. When we remember that 300 churches do not give one cent to missions of any kind, and, that not quite one-third of our people are enlisted in the work, we can see the importance of this work.

Our work this year has been laid out on a basis of $55,000. We have one hundred and fifty-two missionaries, preaching at more than three hundred churches and outstations, in forty-six of the sixty-four Associations and Mecklenburg-Cabarrus is one of them. It receives $1,500.

In addition to the regular missionaries, we are sustaining the departments which have just been mentioned, and are giving $7,000 to aid in building houses of worship in important mission fields of the State. Up to this time only $6,553.48 have been paid.

No wonder to me there comes an urgent appeal from our faithful and beloved Secretary to us pastors to lay a part of his burden upon our own shoulders by sending in, just as soon as possible, at least one-third of our whole contributions to State Missions so that he may be able to meet his obligations on October 30th. Brethren, we must do this in our Association. Let every pastor put his hand to the task. Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS W. WHITLEY.

A collection was then taken for the Thrift church amounting to $8.72. Association was then adjourned with benediction by E. C. Andrews.

THURSDAY'S SESSION.

Association met at 9 A. M. Devotional exercises were conducted by R. D. Carroll, after which the Association was called to order by the moderator. The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

REPORT ON HOPEWELL CHURCH.

Report was read by J. W. Whitley, which recommended the reception of the church. The report was followed by a lengthy review of the work at Hopewell by W. A. Hough and the recent tent meeting resulting in the organization of the new church there. Report was adopted and the hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the moderator. The delegates were W. R. Small, T. B. White and G. W. Gurley.

We, the Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, which was organized on September 10, 1914, by a presbytery, consisting of Rev. C. J. Black, moderator, Rev. C. B. Austin, clerk, Rev. W. C. Hough, reading clerk, Rev. W. J. Wyatt and several deacons from Cornelius Baptist Church and the Mooresville Baptist Church, having adopted the New Hampshire declaration of faith and church covenant, do humbly ask to be admitted as a member of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association.

We have now 44 members, 15 of whom are by baptism.

T. B. WHITE,
G. W. GURLEY,
W. R. SMALL, Delegates.

The committee to whom this letter was addressed, composed of J. W. Whitley, R. D. Carroll and R. D. Cross, reported unanimously for the reception of the church into the Association, which was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report was taken up pending the coming of Archibald Johnson, of Thomasville, who was expected to speak on the work of the orphanage. The report was read by S. J. Beeker and followed with discussion by G. V. Tilley, R. D. Cross and W. A. Smith. Report was adopted.

Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes, behold the fields are white unto harvest." This statement was never more true than at the present with reference to our Foreign work in Brazil, China and other of our Foreign fields. During the past year the war clouds have hung heavily over Mexiczo. Our workers have been forced to come home, but now they are returning to take up their work once more. Africa, Italy and Japan have felt the influence of the long seige and the outlook is brightening.

The past year has been by far the best in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. Four thousand five hundred and thirty-two persons were baptized. This was an increase of about 300 over last year, or more than one-third as many were baptized in our State with her 2,000 churches and 1,200 preachers. The Foregn Mission report presented to the last Convention this significant statement: "After working as a convention fifty years we reported in 1895 a total enrollment of 3,493 communicants in our churches in foreign lands and now to have more than that number join us in one year makes us take fresh courage and press forward with renewed zeal." For surely no Christian can read this story of divine blessing and witness this seal of divine approval without feeling the thrill of a new purpose in his soul.

Marvelcus opportunities lie out before us.

All things seem to be working together to present to the Baptists of the South the crowning missicnary opportunity of their history. Heathen nations are realizing that their idols are lifeless, that their long cherished traditions are false, that their religions are powerless to save, and they are ready to be won to the Christ of hope, love and life.

Political conditions ave so changed that foreign nations instead of opposing, welcome the coming of our missionaries and invite their help in solving national problems. Not long since the officials of China startled the world by calling Christians to their knees in the interest of the Chinse Republic. The present great European war will call home thousands of foreigners who if we here given them the Gospel will go as non-salaried missionaries of the cross of Jesus. Our foreign population is always a mis-

sionary opportunity spelled in CAPITALS if we evangelize them, or a MENACE to our customs, laws and religion if we do not. Every year thousands of them return to their native lands. If they have found Christ they will go back to preach His Gospel, build churches and evangelize their native lands. This after all is the best evangelization.

It is a sad fact that so few of our people are really and truly interested in world evangelism. Of the 2,021 churches in our State there are 602 which gave nothing to this great work last year. Fully one-third of our people are doing nothing. This really constitutes the Foreign Mission problem of North Carolina Baptists. Last year the Board had to report a debt of $76,400. This will make it impossible for the Board in this hour of unparalleled opportunity to make the advancement so much needed, and this calamity is upon us because this 600 and others like them faltered.

It is with pardonable pride we state after leaving out the 600 churches who did nothing, North Carolina Baptists paid in full the apportionment of $50,000 last year. This was an increase of about fifteen per cent over the previous year.

Our Association last year gave $2,344, or a fraction over fifty cents per member to this great work. This year we have given $2,010.01. We are not giving in proportion to our income and it little becomes us to boast of our 4,644 Baptists in this Association until we as a denomination begin to measure up to our duty in Christian stewardship.

1. We would recommend that we make an advance of not less than $500 in our offering next year.

2. That we emphasize again and again the necessity of systematic giving until our people hear and heed the call of the Master.

3. That our pastors and people preach and practice Christian stewardship in our churches.

4. That with a dying world needing the message of life and an open door before us, we hear the command of our sovereign Lord and "quit curselves lke men. Respectfully submitted,

SQUIRE J. BEEKER.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

The report was read by D. F. Helms and discussion followed by Archibald Johnson. Preceding the discussion S. F. Conrad, the clerk, stated that the increase of contributions this year over last were $243.84, the amount last year being $920.00 and this year $1,164.56. Remarks were made by

W. A. Smith, E. W. Sykes and L. R. Pruett. Report was adopted. Association then adjourned by singing the Doxology, and the benediction by E. W. Sikes.

The care of the unfortunate is a natural and fundamental expression of Christianity. Jesus was in his ministry what he would have us be. He emphasized things fundamental and cast the program for all ages. He glorified childhood and so related his gospel to the physical wants of life that we cannot hope to save the soul unless we also provide for the body.

So far Orphanage work has been the principal form of our benevolence largely because it has been showing the most tangible results. It has been said by some that it is necessary only to let the people know the needs of the Orphanage and they will be supplied. The coming year will show whether this is true or not. With only four hundred and thirty children we have fallen behind.

Children are already being received at the Kennedy Home. Within a short while there will be more than fifty children there. The Miles Durham nursery for very small children, at Thomasville, will be completed before the winter months. If this is filled with children and we provide for those that are being received at the Kennedy home, the current expenses must be increased $10,000 over last year. It means that we must increase our contributions to this most worthy and needy cause at least 25 per cent. Will this Association not go on record favoring this additional increase?

Among North Carolina Baptists nothing has so enlisted men and women in the work of the kingdom as the Orphanage work. It has been the agency for the promotion of harmony, liberality and consecration. Thus in the larger work of the kingdom the little child is the leader.

Since the reception of the first child, November 11, 1885, 1,516 have been enrolled and the present number is 430 (with about 500 by the end of the year.) Average cost per child $107.64 a year. The health record of the children for the past year has been remarkable, there being no deaths and few cases of serious illness.

Large and valuable additions are being made to the plant at Thomasville. A modern dairy barn has been completed. This department of our work along with the various other industrial features are to be emphasized. A splendid auditorium will be completed within a year. The erecetion of this important and greatly needed building was made possble by the bequest of the late Dr. S. W. Little of Davie county, whose honored name it will bear. Three new school rooms have been added with improvements on the old school building. A tenth grade has been put in the school

course for the purpose of giving those who leave us a better preparation for life's struggles.

We would again urge and recommend:

1. That every Sunday School set aside one Sunday in each month as Orphanage Day.

2. A club of Charity and Children in each Sunday School and an indivdual copy to pastors and all homes that are not represented in the Sunday School.

3. A liberal Thanksgiving offering emphasizing the importance of "WORK DAY," giving not less than one day's work to the Orphanage. We would suggest that in many churches it is best to select a Sunday nearest Thanksgiving day to hold this special service. This can be done to advantage on country fields.

Finally, brethren, let us constantly keep in mind the appeal of the LARGER ORPHANAGE and remember as we save the child we not only save the State but we save ourselves and in doing this we find our greatest happiness. Respectfully submitted,

D. F. HELMS.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The report on Temperance was read by R. D. Carroll, which he discussed, and was followed by S. F. Conrad, who offered a resolution, which he discussed in connection with the report on Temperance. Remarks were made by W. A. Smith, J. F. Davis and S. J. Beeker. By request of J. F. Davis, W. A. Smith led the Association in prayer. S. J. Beeker requested that W. A. Smith write an article for the press of Virginia on the liquor question in view of the pending election in Virginia. The report and resolutions were adopted.

Resolutions offered by S. F. Conrad as to the Intershipment of Liquor from other States and its use in drug stores:

Resolved, That this Association give its most hearty co-operation with the Antisaloon League to cut out the shipment of liquor into this State from other States, and that the club system as now legalized is a violation of the principle of prohibiton and should be abolished.

Resolved 2nd, That we favor that the most rigid restrictions and penalties be enacted as to the violation of the State law, and that drug stores should not be allowed to handle intoxicating liquors to fill the prescriptions of physicians, and that the uses of alcohol in its various forms be restricted to the lowest minimum point possible as to its mechanical uses.

The resolutions were discussed by its author and others and

unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

As in many other good things, our Baptist people have been in the very forefront of the temperance movement in North Carolina. They are still in the fight, to stay to the last ditch.

While there have been many triumphs and victories, a continuous battle needs to be waged. Every fiber of our Baptist life and civilization rebels against the liquor business, whether conducted in a legalized saloon or in an outlawed "blind tiger." We who toiled and struggled and suffered for the victory of May 26, 1908, must keep our armor buckled on, must oppose the enemy at every point of attack, and "where duty calls or danger be never wanting there."

The progress in Temperance reform has been great. The traffic has been outlawed. The politician has been put out of business and dram-drinking discouraged till all decent and good people are ashamed to be known as tipplers. Public sentiment is strong against the crime of selling liquor, and the courts are proecuting such criminals and sending them to the roads. We now have all the law we need on the liquor question in North Carolina. But there are some others that we do need:

1. A better, fuller, more complete and efficient enforcement of th laws we already have.

2. As we elect men to fill the different offices in our towns, cities and State to see that only good straightforward prohibitionists are elected.

3. Rapidly as possible to create a larger constituency, which shall support our officers and courts; and which shall make it hard as possible for our boys and young men to drink, and make it easy as possible for those who do drink to quit. Then, following in the natural order,

4. We need a revival of respect for the law.

5. We should as far as possible use all legitimate ways and means to have every inch of ground over which the American flag floats brought under the control of the best prohibition law in the world.

Respectfully,

R. D. CARROLL.

The program for next session was announced by the moderator which appears in the minutes preceding the report of the Association.

R. D. Cross moved that a committee be appointed to report at next session on the State of Religion among the Churches. The motion was adopted and the moderator appointed I. J. Ezzell and R. D. Cross and by motion the moderator, L. R. Pruett, was added to the committee.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING AND PREACHER.

Committee reported Arlington, Tuesday night before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1915. Preacher, G. V. Tilley; W. A. Hough, alternate.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION AT RALEIGH.

Committee reported W. F. Dowd, J. C. Gillespie, T. J. Renfrow and W. A. Smith.

DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Committee reported R. D. Carroll, T. J. Renfrow alternate.

Committee to select Historian reported L. R. Pruett, the moderator. On motion of W. A. Smith that the Association agrees to meet any expense that may be incurred in its preparation.

TO NOMINATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The committee reported L. R. Pruett, W. A. Smith, J. W. Whitley, T. J. Renfrow and W. M. Vines.

Vote of Thanks. J. F. Davis moved that a vote of thanks be extended to the Kannapolis church and the community for the generous hospitality extended to the Association. The motion called forth a large number of expressions of appreciation which showed that the delegates were well cared for. The motion was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Asociation closed with one of the best sessions yet held and the delegates remained in large number to the close of the session. The Association closed with prayer and benediction by the pastor of Kannapolis church, S. J. Beeker.

The next session will be held with Arlington church, beginning Tuesday night after the 2nd Sunday in September, 1915.

A SHORT REVIEW OF THE ASSOCIATION BY THE CLERK.

The Association was more largely attended than perhaps any previous sesion, yet the representation by the First Church of Charlotte, with over a thousand members, had one delegate only besides its pastor.

Two churches had no delegates, Clear Creek and Union

Grove. If all the churches had pursued this policy the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association would soon go out of business.

Our net gain in membership this year is 614, the largest gain ever reported.

The number of Baptisms this year was 353, the largest number ever reported at any previous session.

The aggregate of contributions for all objects this year is $53,364.54. Based upon the membership reported last year will make an average of $11.51 per capita for the entire Association.

Our per capita contributions for Missions embracing State, Home and Foreign, which includes the Judson Memorial Fund, will give us a per capita contribution of $3.46 and a fraction over.

We gave for our Orphanage this year $1,183.98, against $920.00 last year—a gain of $263.98.

There is great improvement in the compilation of the church letters, yet much improvement can be made as to fullness and accuracy of figures. Let the letters be made out several days before the Association and sent into the clerk. It greatly aids in gathering material for information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS AND ADDRESSES.

SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES.

Arlnigton—F. A. Hamilton, Route 11, Charlotte, N. C.
Clear Creek—H. W. Pigg, Unionville, N. C.
Cornelius—C. B. Mooney, Davidon, N. C.
Chadwick—J. W. Rodgers, R. F. D., Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, First Church—V. J. Guthery, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, P. Memorial—W. F. Dowd, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue—Fred Conrad, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, Allen Street—P. N. Martin, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, North—D. V. Rollins, North Charlotte, N. C.
Concord, First Church—P. H. Biggers, Concord, N. C.
Concord, McGill Street—C. E. Herring, Concord, N. C.
Concord, West—J. R. Haney, Concord, N. C.
Friendship—A. C. Fisher, Route 4, Charlotte, N. C.
Huntersville, (Union)—
Hopewell—
Independence Hill—J. R. Adkins, Derita, N. C.
Kannapolis—E. F. Carter, Kannapolis, N. C.
Matthews—J. W. Phillips, Matthews, N. C.
Newell—Cleve Kerr, Newell, N. C.
Oak Grove—B. M. Potts, Pineville, N. C.
Pleasant Plain—J. H. Wilson, Matthews, N. C.
Rockwell—A. P. Sweet, Route 4, Mooresville, N. C.

Stough Memorial—H. M. Stroup, Pineville, N. C.
Thrift—W. A. Payseur, Paw Creek, N. C.
Union Grove—Fred Hastings, Huntersville, N. C.
Wilson Grove—T. E. Pigg, Route 9, Charlotte, N. C.

SECRETARIES AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

Arlington—L. J. Miller, Route 11, Charlotte, N. C.
Clear Creek—T. V. Ferguson, Route 11, Charlotte, N. C.
Cornelius—Paul Readling, Cornelius, N. C.
Chadwick—J. W. Gaddy, Chadwick, N. C.
Charlotte, First Church—E. B. Howell, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, P. Memorial— A. C. Porter, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue—J. H. Fidler, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, Allen Street—J. W. Watkins, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, North—W. L. Hope, Charlotte, N. C.
Concord, First Church—F. L. Corzine, Concord, N. C.
Concord, McGill Street—Johnny Tucker, Concord, N. C.
Concord, West—P. R. Hill, Concord, N. C.
Friendship—L. W. Walker, Route 4, Charlotte, N. C.
Huntersville, (Union)—
Hopewell—
Independence Hill—C. S. Davis, Route 7, Charlotte, N. C.
Kannapolis—T. A. Davis, Kannapolis, N. C.
Matthews—E. A. Funderburk, Matthews, N. C.
Newell—W. L. Austin, Newell, N. C.
Oak Grove—Miss Mabel Withers, Pineville, N. C.
Pleasant Plain—Miss Tommie McLeod, Matthews, N. C.
Rockwell—F. S. Jones, R. F. D., Mooresville, N. C.
Stough Memorial—F. A. Lyles, Pineville, N. C.,—1st and 3rd Sundays
Thrift—S. M. Thomas, Paw Creek, N. C.,
Wilson Grove—Clayton Huger, Huntersville, N. C.
Wilson Grove—G. W. Stegall, Route 9, Charlotte, N. C.

PASTORS AND TIME OF PREACHING.

Arlington— ----------2nd Sunday
Clear Creek—D. F. Helms, Charlotte, N. C.----2nd and 4th Sundays
Cornelius—W. A. Haugh, Cornelius, N. C.------2nd and 4th Sundays
Chadwick—(Chadwick), Charlotte, N. C., J. C. Gillespie----Weekly
Charlotte, First Church—Dr.W. M. Vines, Charlotte, N. C.--Weekly
Charlotte, P. Memorial—W. A. Smith, Charlotte, N. C.------Weekly
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue—L. R. Pruett, Charlotte, N. C.------Weekly
Charlotte, Allen Street—R. D. Carroll, Charlotte, N. C.------Weekly
Charlotte, North—E. S. Ivory, North Charlotte, N. C.--------Weekly
Concord, First Church—G. V. Tilley, Concord, N. C. --------Weekly
Concord, McGill Street—J. W. Whitley, Concord, N. C.------Weekly
Concord, West—J. W. Snyder, Concord, N. C.----------Weekly
Friendship—L. M. Hobbs, Belmont, N. C.------2nd and 4th Sundays
Huntersville—W. A. Hough, Cornelius, N. C.---1st and 3rd Sundays
Hopewell—W. A. Hough, Cornelius, N. C. ----------
Independence Hill—A. S. Combs, Newell, N. C.--2nd and 4th Sundays
Kannapolis—S. J. Beeker, Kannapolis, N. C.----------Weekly
Matthews—R. D. Cross, Matthews, N. C.----------Weekly

Newell—A. S. Combs, Newell, N. C._____1st and 3rd Sundays
Oak Grove—F. M. Lyles, Pineville, N. C._____1st and 3rd Sundays
Pleasant Plain—R. D. Cross, Matthews, N. C.__1st and 3rd Sundays
Rockwell—W. A. Hough, Cornelius, N. C._____2nd and 4th Sundays
Stough Memorial—F. M. Lyles, Pineville, N. C.__1st and 3rd Sundays
Thrift—S. F. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C._____2nd and 4th Sundays
Union Grove—W. A. Hough, Cornelius, N. C._____2nd Sundays
Wilson Grove—R. D. Cross, Matthews, N. C.____2nd and 4th Sundays

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CHURCH CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.

Arlington—W. A. Connell, Route 11, Charlotte, N. C.
Clear Creek—L. S. Pigg, Unionville, N. C.
Cornelius—C. B. Mooney, Davidson, N. C.
Chadwick—C. H. Bogan, (Chadwick), Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, First Church—A. S. Reed, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, P. Memorial—J. J. Ezzell, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue—Fred S. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, Allen Street—Lackey Allen, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, North—D. V. Rollins, Charlotte, N. C.
Concord, First Church—Dr. H. C. Herring, Concord, N. C.
Concord, McGill Street—Grady Blackwelder, Concord, N. C.
Concord, West—G. W. Miller, Concord, N. C.
Friendship—Dawson Mitchell, Route 4, Charlotte, N. C.
Huntersville—S. L. Mullen, Huntersville, N. C.
Hopewell—
Independence Hill—C. S. Davis, Route 7, Charlotte, N. C.
Kannapolis—J. W. Bounds, Kannapolis, N. C.
Matthews—T. J. Renfrow, Matthews, N. C.
Newell—A. B. Jourdan, Derita, N. C.
Oak Grove—M. A. Edwards, Pineville, N. C.
Pleasant Plain—J. E. Broom, R. F. D., Matthews, N. C.
Rockwell—G. E. Smith, Mooresville, N. C.
Stough Memorial—W. T. Griffin, Pineville, N. C.
Thrift—R. C. Hansell, Paw Creek, N. C.
Union Grove—Hampton Hastings, Huntersville, N. C.
Wilson Grove—T. E. Pigg, Route 9, Charlotte, N. C.

MINUTE FUND.

Arlington	$ .65
Clear Creek	2.00
Cornelius	2.50
Chadwick	3.00
Charlotte, First Church	10.00
Charlotte, P. Memorial	5.00
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue	5.00
Charlotte, Allen Street	4.10
Charlotte, North	2.00
Concord, First Church	2.00
Concord, McGill Street	3.60
Concord, West	2.80
Friendship	1. 00
Huntersville	
Hopewell	
Independence Hill	2.00
Kannapolis	2.70
Matthews	3.00
Newell	1.10
Oak Grove	2.10
Pleasant Plain	1.00
Stough Memorial	2.00
Thrift	1.80
Union Grove	
Wilson Grove	2.00
Rockwell	1.00
Total	$62 35

	Officer and Teachers	No. Pupils Enrolled	Total Enrollment	No. of Schools
Arlington	8	115	123	1
Clear Creek	6	60	66	1
Cornelius	8	160	168	1
Chadwick	15	220	235	1
Charlotte, First Church	28	750	778	1
Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial	16	290	306	1
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue	14	375	389	1
Charlotte, Allen Street	17	295	312	1
Charlotte, North	13	143	156	1
Concord, First Church	4	123	127	1
Concord, McGill Street	13	351	364	1
Concord, West	16	200	216	1
Friendship	4	18	22	1
Huntersville (union)				
Hopewell				
Independence Hill	7	70	77	1
Kannapolis	16	412	428	1
Mattehws	8	100	108	1
Newell	6	40	46	1
Oak Grove	11	57	68	1
Pleasant Plain	7	50	57	1
Rockwell	8	100	108	1
Stough Memorial	8	80	88	1
Thrift	12	181	193	1
Union Grove	4	27	31	1
Wilson Grove	7	50	57	1
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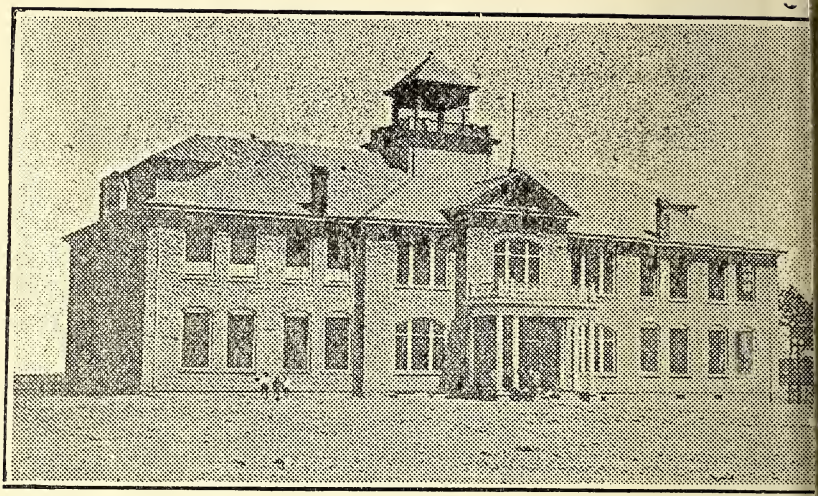
FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Church Members in School	Months Kept Open	No. Organized	No. Baptisms	School Expenses	For Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total
	12			$	$	$	$	$
25	12		10	6.00				6.00
95	12		7	47.19	22.61	28.16	21.35	125.31
105	12		5	38.58	3.30	25.00	22.50	89.38
	12			668.37	25.00	191.08		884.45
	12			269.53	91.25	108.20		468.98
150	12		26	150.00		50.00		230.00
100	12		8	72.60	50.00	49.53	129.53	301.66
75	12		23	42.25	5.00	3.60	38.63	89.58
	12			203.94		66.00	82.80	148.80
182	12	80	29	224.43	47.25		5.00	276.88
50	12		9	25.52	20.50	22.01	72.44	140.54
	12			11.50		5.00		16.50
	9		12	8.00	3.95	9.15	5.25	26.35
156	12		20	114.31	3.00	25.50		124.81
60	12		8	25.00			30.00	55.00
27	8		3					-- --
52	12		3	44.71		8.00		52.71
25	12			10.00				10.00
50	12		8	23.64	15.00	8.65		47.29
25	12		13	72.14		7.35	3.40	84.89
25	12			16.60		1.15		17.75
16	9							7.10
30	12		2	7.10				
1248			176	$2081.41	$ 272.93	$ 608.38	$ 410.90	$ 3221.98

CHURCHES	Value of Church	Seating Capacity
Arlington	$ 2,000.00	500
Clear Creek	1,000.00	350
Cornelius	3,000.00	400
Chadwick	3,300.00	400
Charlotte, First Church	100,000.00	850
Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial	16,000.00	350
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue	22,000.00	500
Charlotte, Allen Street	1,500.00	350
Charlotte, North	7,725.00	600
Concord, First Church	5,000.00	600
Concord, McGill Street	4,500.00	450
Concord, West	1,800.00	350
Friendship	1,500.00	300
Huntersville	300.00	
Hopewell		
Independence Hll	1,800.00	500
Kannapolis	8,000.00	500
Matthewc	6.000.00	500
Newells	1,000.00	300
Oak Grove	1,000.00	350
Pleasant Plain	1,000.00	300
Rockwell	1.500.00	350
Stowe Memorial	2,000.00	350
Thrift	5,500.00	400
Union Grove	1,000.00	300
Wilson Grove	1,820.00	350
	$210,245.00	10,050

TABLE.

Baptized	Received by Letter	By Restoration	Dismissed by Letter	By Exclusion	By Death	Number of Males	Number of Females	Net Gain in Membership	Net Loss in Membership	Total Membership
1	1	1	6	11	1	87	106		15	193
15	5		1		3	61	76	16		137
9	5	1	28	26	2	2	49	68	11	117
7	32	2	44	1	1	96	114		5	210
50	105	11	45		3	479	620	129		1099
25	34	5	22	10	3	131	201	29		332
31	52		30	1	5	205	370	47		575
15	41	2	22	6	2	193	106	28		299
32	30	3	22	6	2	46	100	35		146
1	16		16	1	11				11	213
32	52	10	9	5	3	108	168	77		276
14	14	1	7	6	3	98	147	13		245
			1		1	9	18		2	27
2	3					12	16	5		27
15								44		44
27	5					38	60	32		98
22	55	6	47		1	121	180	35		301
10	7		3		1	49	68	13		117
3	5		1			3	25	7		28
5	8	1	1			25	39	13		64
2						38	70	2		108
10	6		4			25	31	12		56
18	11		5	5	2	27	88	17		115
	47	1	7		1	33	62	40		95
5	3		3			21	22	5		43
2	16	1	2		2	65	81	15		146
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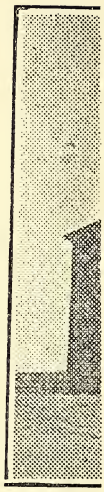
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ton	$ 157.57	$ 333.37	$ 28.70	$	$ 10.60	$ .65	$ 7.50	$ 3.46	$ 3.47	$	$ 7
Creek	125.00	35.00	17.50	6.00	14.00	2.00	8.00	4.00	4.00		5
ius	350.00	10.00	40.00	47.19	35.12	2.50	30.00	10.00	16.00		28
ick	500.00	421.48	64.53	38.58		3.00	50.94	34.00	37.00	1.90	25
tte, First Church	4000.00	275.38	6627.14	668.37	58.00	10.00	598.33	1305.58	882.15	25.00	615
tte, P. Memorial	1800.00	1707.98	616.59	269.53	21.75	5.00	237.75	162.75	239.75		108
tte, Ninth Avenue	1500.00	754.14	307.00	180.00	12.00	5.00	48.65	155.00	382.65		69
tte, Allen Street	758.92	762.71	138.55	72.60	20.20	4.10	80.39	105.07	144.75		49
tte, North	688.91	337.01	128.57	42.35	14.00	2.00	30.18	19.87	14.56		19
rd, First Church		2700.00		148.80		2.00	82.80	26.44	81.94		58
rd, McGill Street	1000.00	641.45	550.55	229.43	323.90	3.60	37.15	25.50	30.00		
rd, West	316.67	29.05	22.15	140.50	25.00	2.00	25.00	8.00	12.57		73
ship	75.00					1.00	36.25	29.58	40.57		14
rsville	50.00		15.00				5.00	3.00	2.00		10
ell											
ndence Hill	175.00		10.00	8.00		2.00	12.00	8.00	8.00		9
polis	600.00	225.00	36.00	142.81	5.00	2.70	60.00	40.00	25.00	3.00	25
ews	500.00	85.00	25.00	60.00		3.00	30.00	15.00	20.00		15
ls	60.00	14.47	26.25			1.10	1.06	1.00	1.00		
rove	362.50			44.71		2.00	15.95	15.54	13.60		11
nt Plain	225.00			10.00		1.00	10.00	10.00	10.00		10
ell	125.00	180.00	10.00	23.64	15.00	1.00	10.00	6.85	6.00	5.40	8
Memeorial	262.50		46.65	72.14		2.00	23.00	22.00	20.00		15
	500.00	1922.88	3.00	16.60		1.80	1.75				1
Grove	75.00	400.00	18.65				5.00	4.00	3.00		5
n Grove	250.00		9.00	7.10		2.00	12.00	11.00	13.00		3
	$ 15,532.07	$ 10,819.87	$8740.77	$2227.35	$ 554.57	$ 61.45	$1458.70	$2025.64	$ 2011.01	$ 35.30	$118



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PROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT SESSION.

To write on State Missions—R. D. Carroll.
To write on Home Missions—W. M. Vines.
To write on Foreign Missions—R. D. Cross.
To write on The Orphanage—G. V. Tilley.
To write on Christian Education—W. A. Smith.
To write on Periodicals—F. A. Lyles.
To write on Sunday schools—S. J. Beeker.
To write on Temperance—S. F. Conrad.
To write on Woman's Work—Mrs. J. D. Withers.
To write on Old Minister's Relief—E. S. Ivery.
To write on State of Churches—J. W. Van Hoy.

BY-LAWS.

1. The daily session of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Delegates shall be recognized by letters from their churches, designating them as such.

3. The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers or the delegates of newly-received Churches by extending to them his right hand of fellowship.

4. The Clerk shall provide blank letters for the use of the Churches of the Association previous to the meeting of the Association, superintend the publication and distribution of the minutes, preserve a file of them and have it present at each annual session, read the proceedings of the preceding session at the beginning of each morning session, and the last day's proceedings at the close of the annual session.

5. Members desiring to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator; shall use the term "brother," in speaking to each other; shall not speak on the same subject more than twice without permission, and shall observe the courtesy that becomes Christians.

6. Members shall not absent themselves from the session without permission of the association.

7. A copy of the Minutes shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Mission Board, also a copy to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one to the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, and one to the Field Secretary for Sunday Schools in North Carolina.

8. All questions of order not herein provided shall be decided by "Parliamentary Law."

9. The report of the Executive Board and the mission work of the Association with short reports from the missionaries shall take precedence of all other business during the morning session of the second day of the annual session.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

12. The general order of business shall be:

(1) Enrollment of delegates.
(2) Election of officers.
(3) Petitionary letters.
(4) Appointment of Committees for this session.
(5) Appointment of standing committees.
(6) Report of special committees.
(7) Reports of standing committees.
(8) Report of other committees.
(9) Miscellaneous business.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association met in its thirtieth session with the Arlington Baptist Church on Tuesday morning, September 14, 1915. The devotional exercises were led by Rev. M. L. Kestler. He read 2 Cor. the 8th chapter and emphasized the grace of systematic giving.

Introductory Service.

The Scripture lesson, 1 John 3d chapter was read by R. D. Carroll. We were then lead in prayer by W. A. Smith. The sermon was preached by Rev. Geo. V. Tilley, of the First Church of Concord, from 1 John 3:2.

Prayer was offered by M. L. Kestler.

The Moderator, Rev. L. R. Pruett, gave a brief historical sketch of the Baptists in our Association, reminding us that we were not far from the spot where our Association had its birth. He then called the Association to order for organization.

On motion of Dr. W. M. Vines, L. R. Pruett was re-elected to succeed himself.

On motion of R. D. Cross, J. W. Whitley was put in nomination for clerk. On motion of J. W. Whitley, S. F. Conrad was put in nomination for clerk to succeed himself. A ballot was then taken and J. W. Whitley was declared elected.

On motion, J. J. Ezell was elected treasurer to succeed himself.

The suggested programme failing to meet the desires of all the brethren, our Moderator appointed the following committee on order of business: R. D. Cross, D. F. Helms, T. D. Maness.

The committee on credentials was announced: S. J. Beeker, J. W. Snyder and J. A. Durham.

The Committee on Order of Business made the follow-lowing partial report: 1:30-1:45 Devotional; 1:45-2:30 Report on Orphanage; 2:30-3:00 Report on Periodicals; 3:00-3:45 Foreign Missions.

The Credential Committee made the following partial report:

Brethren, we, your Committee on New Churches, have met with the delegate from the Howell's Baptist Church and have read her letter of dismission from the Stanly Baptist Association. We advise her reception at once as she is returning to her first love.

On motion the report was adopted. Our Moderator then extended the right hand of fellowship to her delegate, T. D. Joyner.

On motion, the Association adjourned one hour for dinner.

After the noon hour we reassembled, sang a hymn and were led in prayer by R. D. Carroll.

Our Moderator then recognized M. L. Kestler of our Orphanage; Rev. J. H. Spaulding, the new pastor of Chadwick Church; Rev. J. W. Watson, of Charlotte; D. L. Probert, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of Charlotte.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

THE REPORT ON OUR ORPHANAGE.

The report was read by J. W. Whitley, which is as follows:

Our Orphanage is the keynote in the arch of Christian service. If this stone is properly placed all the others in the arch will hold firm; if it is improperly placed the whole structure is in danger.

Love for the Orphanage among our brethren is intense but not universal. The great need is to lay upon the heart of every church and Sunday school the Orphanage obligation. If this consummation is ever reached the problem for ample support for the institution will be solved.

Owing to the large advance that has been made within

the past year the Orphanage is heavily in debt. This brings the unpleasant necessity of making a large outlay for interest on borrowed money, which goes to banks instead of to the children. This ought not so to be. We are abundantly able to pay every dollar the institution owes this year, and if able, we ought to be willing.

It is proposed to our people that the income of one day be sacredly set aside, at or near Thanksgiving Day, and devoted to the Orphanage. If this would seize the hearts of our people, and every man, woman and child would enter heartily into this loving service, every dollar of debt would be wiped out, and the institution would be free from the bondage that now hampers its work and curtails its usefulness.

We earnestly urge every member of the churches of this Association to join this "work day" movement and give the proceeds of one day's labor or income to the Orphanage. We may do more but we should not do less.

Every Sunday school ought to set aside one Sunday in each month as Orphanage day and give the members an opportunity to make a contribution to the Orphanage. Only a little over one-third of our Baptist Sunday schools are enrolled among this loyal band of monthly givers.

Every Sunday school ought to take a club of Charity and Children and an individual copy for pastors and homes that are not represented in the Sunday school. The paper is the right arm of the institution, and aside from the information and inspiration it furnishes, produces a good dividend for the support of the Orphanage.

During its thirty years of continued growth the institution has sheltered and trained over 1600 boys and girls, who are now out in the State as teachers, preachers, doctors, printers, farmers, business men and fathers and mothers of happy homes. There are nine in various colleges and about a dozen in the denominational high schools. The present number is 500—450 at Thomasville, 50 at Kennedy Home—with an average cost of $113.28 per child or 31 cents the day, aggregating an annual cost of $56,640.00.

Our Orphanage has been enlarged and still the task looms before us as just begun. We urge every member of this Association that they regard the Orphanage in larger

terms as an opportunity unparallelled. This waiting door stands too wide for "same as last year" contributions to ever satisfy any working body of Baptists.

Your committee recommend:

1. A liberal Thangsgiving offering emphasizing the importance of "WORK DAY," giving not less than one day's labor or income to the Orphanage.

2. That every Sunday school will sacredly set apart the collection of one Sunday in each month for the support of the Orphanage.

3. That every Sunday school take a club of Charity and Children.

J. W. WHITLEY.

It was discussed by M. L. Kestler, J. W. Whitley, J. A. Durham, T. S. Franklin, H. M. Stroup, J. W. Snyder, J. H. Spaulding, J. L. Blackman, D. F. Helms, R. D. Mooney, J. C. Bost, J. W. Phillips and W. A. Smith.

On motion, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The report was read by S. J. Beeker, and discussed by S. J. Beeker and Dr. H. C. Moore. On motion, the report was adopted.

Well has it been said that what the secular paper is to the community and to the State, the religious paper is to the Church and to the Church work. The man who does not read the secular paper cannot reach the highest degree of citizenship, just so the church-member who does not read the religious paper cannot attain the highest efficiency as a Christian. Religious literature is needed not only as a healthy stimulant and source of strength for ourselves and children, but also to help counteract the harmful effects brought about by the flood of unsound literature that is pouring in upon us today.

We are especially fortunate in having just at hand the literature needed for ourselves and our children.

The Biblical Recorder after eighty-one years of continual service is thoroughly Biblical in its teaching and a

faithful Recorder of the news of the Kingdom. It undertakes to be fraternal but is unflinchingly loyal to Baptist doctrine, devoted to Baptist agencies, stimulating the Baptist progress, and expressive of Baptist life.

Charity and Children is more than just a means of information about our Orphanage. We should like to see it more of a child's paper with some continued stories making it appeal to our child life and thus correlating it with the Recorder in its work in the home and church life.

The Home Field keeps us in touch with the advancement of the Kingdom in our South land. The Foreign Mission Journal gives us a vision of how the battle goes in the regions beyond.

We would link with these the literature and books of our own Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., since none are either better or cheaper than these and by patronizing our own house we save all profits to our own denominational work. Respectfully,

SQUIRE J. BEEKER, Com.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report was read by W. A. Smith and was discussed by Rev. C. J. Thompson of the Foreign Mission Board. On motion the report was adopted.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is carrying on its work in the following countries: China, Africa, Japan, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina. The report of the Foreign Mission Board at the Houston Convention shows that there were at that time 298 missionaries and 651 native helpers at work under the auspices of the Board. There were, during the year, 5,190 baptisms. The churches on our mission fields now number 382 with 819 Out-Stations, having a total membership of 33,584. It is highly encouraging to note that 56 of our mission churches are self-supporting.

The Foreign Mission Board is also conducting 337 mission day schools with an enrollment of 8,427 scholars, 34 boarding schools with 1,952 scholars, 2 colleges with 392 students, 5 Women's Training Schools with 200 students, and 10 Theological Training Schools with 184 students.

The receipts of the Board show that the churches of the

Southern Baptist Convention gave to Foreign Missions last year $537,076.66. The Board was forced to report a total indebtedness of $99,898.60, $77,540.33 of which was brought over from the year preceeding. The Board is to be congratulated, however, that leading laymen at the Convention expressed the determination to raise this deficit among themselves, over and above their regular contributions in order that the Board should not be forced to retrench.

The Board this year is undertaking to raise $624,000 of which amount North Carolina is asked for $55,000. Our Association gave last year $2,011.01. We have a total membership (according to last year's minutes) of 5,111. So it is evident that we gave less than forty cents per capita for Foreign Missions. Considering the times, the Judson Centenial effort has been a great success. It is true the desired goal of $1,250,000 by the meeting of the last Convention was not reached, but the committee reported $959,077.99 secured in cash and pledges and the time extended to next Convention to complete this noble task.

Your committee recommends:

1. That an every-member canvass for Foreign Missions be made in all our churches. This, of course, can be done at the same time of such a canvass for all mission and church objects.
2. That the Foreign Mission Journal be given a more careful and wider reading by our membership, and that tracts on the subject of Foreign Missions be more generally and widely distributed.
3. That a Woman's Missionary Society be organized in every church.
4. That Mission Study Classes be conducted that our people may be more definitely informed about our mission work and progress.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. SMITH.

Bro. S. F. Conrad made the statement that the printing of the programme and the mailing of them amounted to $1.85. An offering was taken which amounted to $2.97. Bro. Conrad was paid and the other $1.07 was turned over to the Minute Fund.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

To nominate the Executive Committee—R. D. Mooney, W. A. Martin and J. R. Cauble.

To nominate delegates to our State Convention—J. P. Stroup, C. S. Bost, J. W. Phillips.

To nominate a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention—T. B. Phillips, W. S. Hagler, C. L. Davis.

Time, Place and Preacher—W. M. Lyles, H. M. Stroup and Bryan Potts.

Our Moderator recognized the following brethren: Dr. Livingston Johnson, Dr. R. T. Vann and J. I. Kendrick.

The Programme Committee made their final report as follows: Wednesday, Devotional Service 9:30-9:45; Miscellaneous 9:45-10; State of Churches 10-10:30; State Missions 10:30-11:15; Home Missions 11:15-12; Woman's Work 12-12:30; 12:30-1:30 dinner; 1:30-1:145 Devotional; 1:45-4 Education.

Thursday, 9-9:30 Devotional; 9:30-10:30 Report on Sunday Schools; 10:30-11 Ministerial Relief; 11-11:30 State of Churches; 11:30-12 Temperance.

On motion the Association adjourned until Wednesday at 9:30 a. m. Rev. C. J. Thompson dismissed us with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1915.

The Association met at 9:30 a. m., and was led in devotional worship by Rev. J. H. Spaulding of the Chadwick Church.

On motion of R. D. Cross, there will be only one report on Education next year and it will be designated as Christian Education. It will embrace General Education, Secondary School, and Ministerial Education.

STATE OF CHURCHES.

The report was read by J. J. Ezell and discussed by him. On motion the report was adopted which is as follows:

Your Committee on State of Churches are pleased to

report a prosperous year. Many of the churches have had great revivals in which about 1123 were added to the churches of our Association. Of this number 596 were baptized. Thirteen of the churches have preaching every Sunday, eleven have preaching twice per month and three once per month. Three are without pastors at the present time.

The contributions to all objects of the Convention amount to $49,453.41. Of this amount, about $44,566.70 was contributed by churches in the towns and cities and $4,886.71 was contributed by churches in the country. Your committee believes that the efficiency of some of our churches could be greatly enhanced by a better organization of the working forces of the church which can best be accomplished under the leadership of a local pastor. We recommend, therefore, when it is possible, that our country churches arrange to have their pastors live in the community of the church and devote at least half his time to the upbuilding of his charge. Our ability to cope with the changing conditions that we are facing largely rests with our rural churches. We, therefore, urge our churches both in town and country to co-operate in a united effort to conserve the standard of religion in our churches, and to develop and strengthen our membership in the Christian graces.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. EZELL,
L. R. PRUETT,
Committee.

STATE MISSIONS.

The report was read by G. V. Tilley and was discussed by Dr. L. Johnson, Geo. V. Tilley and Dr. R. T. Vann. On motion the report was adopted.

At this juncture Rev. S. T. Conrad offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association express with an inexpressible sadness the loss of our good brother and secretary, Livingston Johnson, from the work of our Board and that, in retiring from the office, he will carry with him the lasting gratitude of this Association and that we will ever pray God's richest blessings upon him.

The resolution was most heartily and enthusiastically adopted by a rising vote. While we stood we sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Our Moderator then asked Dr. W. M. Vines to lead us in prayer that God would bless Brother Johnson as he goes and that God's Spirit will lead His people as we gather in Charlotte within a few months to elect Brother Johnson's successor that the right man, God's man, may be found.

The report is as follows:

Your Committee wishes to confess that sufficient up to date information could not be secured to furnish what he considers a real report on State Missions. A little essay on the subject is worthless.

Christianity is a missionary religion by the last will and testament of its Founder, and no tribunal is able to set this will aside. Indifference cannot nol pros it; nor perverse ingenuity misconstrue it.

North Carolina has a homogeneous people. It is the most American of all the States. This fact that we are among our kindred should make our endeavors easier. The Apostle Paul said, "For I could wish myself accursed for Christ, for my brethren, my kinsman according to the flesh."

Our Baptist statesmen eighty-five years ago, while they had caught a vision, did not comprehend the magnitude of the movement when they organized a State-wide effort for the Kingdom. At that time we were but 15,000 strong and now we are nearly 260,000. A history of this period would read like a romance. It seems incredible, though true, that so many of our strongest churches were once fostered by the Mission Board. It is likewise true that much of our Foreign Mission strength should be credited to State Mission efforts at an early period.

Our task is far from complete. God's blessings upon our endeavors in the past inspires us to undertake greater things. We are not without a field. More than one-half of the people of the State are not nominal Christians. The moving of many of our people from the country to the city has weakened the country churches, and here is a new prob-

lem that is crying for solution. Many of the great numbers already brought to the Savior, need training for a fuller duty in the Kingdom.

We have not failed, though we have not done our full duty. Failure can only be seen by comparing what we have done with what we ought to have done. Our churches are increasing their gifts annually for State Missions, and the field of our activities is broadening. As we perform one task, another appears, and this will continue until we shall possess the entire land.

Last year the Baptists of the State contributed $50,768.18 for State Missions. Our Association received $1,500.00 of this, and contributed $1,458.70. Every church in the Association contributed except one, which came into our Association at our last session. Increased liberality on our part, so that we may be an asset rather than a liability is urged.

As a partial result of the work last year 379 churches and mission stations were aided by the Board, 2,726 people were converted, and 2,469 were received into the fellowship of our churches. About $5,000 was spent in church buildings at startegic points.

This year $55,000 is the basis upon which we are working. A large per cent. of this is yet to be secured. Some plan of systematic giving whereby interest on borrowed money might be saved; and our Secretary relieved from the indescribable strain of agony of the last few weeks of the year, would truly be a channel of blessing. Let each one of us feel that the duty is ours, and do our best for the glory of our common Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

G. V. TILLEY.

HOME MISSIONS.

The report was read by R. D. Cross and discussed by him. On motion, it was adopted. The report was as follows:

I. **Field of Operation.**—This subject might more properly be called Southern Baptist Missions, for the term is misleading to two-thirds of the people; and because it means almost exclusively mission work done in the bounds of the

Southern Baptist Convention. This was pioneer work before there were State organizations to care for the work, but now largely supplementray work, where the States are not strong enough to care for it.

The Home Mission Board has been in operation since the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845; first because there are now nearly three times as many unevangelized people as there were then. Then there were eight millions in the South, two million children and one and a half million church members, leaving only four and a half of unevangelized people; but now there are 30 millions, seven and a half millions of children, twenty-two and one-half million old enough to be saved; and of these in all there are eleven million church members, leaving eleven and a half million of unevangelized people.

And, second, it is important because this Board can bring together the supply and the need as no other agency can do. All the States have organizations, and are doing much, but in some cases the needs are so great and varied that they must call for help.

II. Special Divisions of the Work.—

1. The Immigrants or Foreigners.—While there are not so many of these in the South as in the North, there are from four to five million, as many as there are Baptists, and there will be millions more.

2. The Mountains.—Here in these high lands are three millions of the purest blooded Anglo-Saxons to be found anywhere. They are well evangelized and largely Baptists; but the need for training is great.

3. The Industrial Section. — The South has largely changed to an industrial section, and in places the need has become so great that assistance is called for from other States.

4. Cities.—These are centers of influence for good or evil. In such places as Baltimore, Washington, St. Louis and New Orleans the need is great and is destined to be greater.

5. Negroes.—There are ten millions of these, largely Baptists; but they need help to train their leaders. We have forty workers among them, to prepare their leaders; and are to aid them in preparing a Theological Seminary.

6. The Southwest.—This is the territory west of the Mississippi River, in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico, where the needs and possibilities are great.

7. The Indians.—There are a few thousand yet in Oklahoma, many of whom are being led in the "Jesus Road."

8. Cuba, Our Southern Doorstep.—Here we began the work and are doing our best in the four of the six provinces.

III. General Departments, such as cover the whole field.

1. Church Building. — There are three thousand churches in the South without houses of worship and many that have inadequate ones for efficient service. The Home Board is raising a million dollar fund to be loaned in erecting houses.

2. The Evangelistic Work.—We have more than twenty preachers and singers that are doing much to give us a sane evangelism. The results have been very gratifying.

2. Enlistment Work.—Our greatest need is efficiency, for now only a small per cent. of our people do anything for world-wide salvation. This Board is co-operating with many of the States in the enlistment work.

IV. Recommendations.

1. That a definite amount be undertaken, and that this be apportioned and asked of the churches.

2. That all proper means of information be used, such as special sermons, Home Field, tracts and books.

R. D. CROSS.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The report was read by Mrs. J. D. Withers, the Vice President of the The Woman's Work in Our Association. The report was discussed by Mrs. C. E. Mason, Mrs. T. S. Franklin, and Rev. R. D. Carroll. On motion, the report was adopted which reads as follows:

Acknowledging the many blessings of the past year, realizing the greater responsibility resting upon us for the future, and thanking Almighty God for the reign of peace in our beloved country, we pray that we may meet the Christian privilege of doing all in our power to advance the

Kingdom of Christ on earth. It is a great privilege to have the honor of bringing you the news of the Woman's Work of the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association.

During the year there has been much interest and enthusiasm manifested throughout the Association. There has been a gaining of and falling off of societies. Our societies report more regularly than ever before. In September, 1914, our Semi-Annual Meeting was held with the Cornelius Church. There was a large delegation in attendance. In March, 1915, our Annual Associational Meeting was held with the First Church, Charlotte with the largest delegation of any previous meeting.

We have fourteen churches with organizations and thirty-four societies reporting regularly. We feel there is much to be grateful for. The Junior work has not advanced as rapidly as we would like. There should be a Junior Society in every church where there is a Woman's Missionary Society.

I have written seventy letters and twenty-two postals. I send out report blanks and some literature every quarter. The amount reported is $2,375.87. Our financial aim for 1915-16 is $2,790.49.

I feel that I cannot close without mentioning that there has been an undercurrent of sadness throughout the Association on account of the illness and death of our beloved Miss Heck. Surely it is the time of all times for the Baptist women of the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association and North Carolina to unite with quickened loyalty and deepened consecration to make the work of the new year a gift of love worthy of our King.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. D. WITHERS.

The following brethren were recognized by our Moderator: Rev. C. J. Black, Rev. E. C. Snider, R. M. Hagler and J. W. Bivins, all of Wingate, N. C.

On motion, the Association adjourned one hour for dinner.

After the noon hour, we reassembled and, after the devotional service, took up the programme for the afternoon.

At this time Dr. L. Johnson made a statement as to the percentage of the money raised for State Missions which is used for expense and the percentage that reaches the missionary on the field It takes only six per cent. for expense. Therefore ninety-four cents of every dollar put into the State Mission work goes directly to the missionary on the firing line.

The Committee on Credentials made their final report:

We, your committee, have read with pleasure the letter of Miami Church and after consulting with the delegates as to their plans and aims as to future work, do most heartily and unanimously recommend her reception.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. BEEKER,
J. A. DURHAM,
J. W. SNYDER,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted and our Moderator extended to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

EDUCATION.

The report on General Education was read by Dr. W. M. Vines. It was discussed by Dr. R. T. Vann and Dr. W. M. Vines. On motion, the report was adopted. The report is as follows:

"The aim of all true education," in the language of Dr. Van Dyke, "is no vain and nebulous thing. It has four definite marks: the power to see clearly, the power to imagine vividly, the power to think independently and the power to will nobly. The final result of true education is not a selfish scholar, nor a scornful critic of the universe, but an intelligent and faithful citizen who is determined to put all his powers at the service of his country and mankind." Religion and Education have gone hand in hand through all ages.

Religion without education is superstition and fanaticism. Education without religion is scepticism and infidelity. Christianity has for the most part given to the world its schools and colleges and universities. Christendom is in a large measure the emporium of the world's learning and the harbinger of universal education. The record of our own great denomination in reference to this question is one of which we are justly proud. Baptist educational institutions in the United States alone, not to speak of England or Canada and the continent of Europe, or of our school system in many mission fields, number twelve theological seminaries, 100 universities and colleges and 95 academies which have an endowment of between forty and fifty millions and about the same amount in real estate and buildings.

Baptists should be vitally concerned in the cause of education for several reasons. Christian patriotism should compel us to stress the education of our people. "Roger Williams," says Bancroft, "was the first in modern Christendom to assert in its plenitude the doctrine of the liberty of conscience, the equality of opinions before the law." Our historic position and recognized contribution to American civilization as a matter of consistency requires us to support our public and high schools and the universal education of all the people in every possible way. A democracy cannot exist unless the citizens comprising it are enlightened. "Knowledge is power" and this may be for good or evil. "Your ignorant thief may rob a freight car but your educated thief will go and steal the whole railroad." Christian education is essential to the perpetuity of the American Republic. Our emphasis on individuality and democracy renders it imperative that we should emphasize the importance of the training and development of our children and of our membership. That is a fine thought suggested by Eucken, "We begin as individuals nestling within the narrow circles of our petty egoistic interests; we are called to end as personalties and co-workers with God." An uneducated membership is a menace to growth and prosperity and will cause our denomination to lag and suffer inevitable defeat in the march of progress. Efficiency in service and usefulness in life demand that we give much attention to this great cause. The last edition of "Who's Who in

America" contains 17,546 names of those who are leaders in the various departments of activity in this country. Of this number 71 per cent. are college men and 18 per cent attended high school, while only 10 per cent. are to be found among the uneducated or in the common school class. There is a very close relation between culture and leadership. It is estimated that one person in every 1,500 in the United States is a college graduate. Yet it is a fact that over 50 per cent. of the leading representatives of our government—Congressmen, Senators, Supreme Court Judges and Presidents—are drawn from this mere handful of citizens. If we turn to the professions, the facts are still more striking. More than 70 per cent of the leading clergymen, lawyers, physicians and authors are college graduates. Upon the dome of the House of Representatives in Boston appear the names of 53 of Massachusetts' "Immortals." Forty of them are college men. The greatest battles of history, the battles that have changed the course of civilization, have been fought upon the field of the intellect and the weapons that have decided those battles have been the science of clear, orderly and intense thought and the are of forceful expression. To maintain a position of leadership in national life as well as individual usefulness require that we give attention to culture and scholarship.

Loyalty to our denominational institutions requires us to support Wake Forest and Meredith Colleges and other schools of learning under the patronage of our denomination. The denominational college must be sustained if we keep pace with other denominations and especially in view of the improved equipment of secular and State schools. Here we are confronted by a serious situation demanding our profoundest concern and appealing to our deepest convictions as Christians and as Baptists. Eight of the nine justices of the Supreme Court of the United States are college men; seven of the eight are from the denominational colleges. Eighteen out of the 26 Presidents of the United States were college men; sixteen of the eighteen were from denominational colleges. Of the members of Congress in 1905 receiving college education who were prominent enough to be mentioned in Who's Who, two-thirds were graduates of denominational collgeges. To sustain our own splendid

institutions in view of the keen competition of other schools is a call to our loyalty and consistency.

Our self-preservation as a denomination requires the patronage and encouragement of our own excellent schools. Secular education is challenging the very existence and support of our colleges. In an address recently before a religious body, Vice President Marshall is reported as saying that one of the weak points and danger points in our American life today "is that there is too much science in the so-called educational system, and too little God Almighty." He is reported as saying further that because Church and State are separated and the State is looking after the schools that the Church, therefore, feels itself absolved from any duty in the direction of the education of our youth. Mr. Marshall declares, according to the report, that "the State is permitted to mold the children from the age of six up through the time they are going through college, where many of the professors are agnostics and atheists." "The church is beginning to see," he declared, "that it has turned over too many tasks and functions to the State." The most serious question in the religious life of our country is the trend away from denominational and Christian education. Our ministry comes almost entirely from Christian colleges. Eighty-six per cent. of our graduates from Baptist seminaries in 1912 were from Christian colleges. Through a period of five years 93 per cent. of the preachers came from Christian schools. If we are to have an educated ministry our denominational schools must be maintained. Let us rally as never before to our own Baptists institutions of learning.

The election of Dr. Vann as Educational Secretary for North Carolina is an event which marks a distinct epoch in the education as progress of our denomination in the State. He should receive our hearty support and we should put the cause of denominational education in our church budget and see to it that our churches make a substantial contribution to this most worthy enterprise of our State Convention. To this end we recommend that the churches of this Association pledge the sum of $1,000 to be paid during the current year to the Educational Board, the same to be apportioned among the churches by the Executive Board.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The report on Ministerial Education was read and discussed by F. A. Lyles. On motion, it was adopted. It reads as follows:

"How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of joy, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth."

Ministerial Education holds a large place among North Carolina Baptists. Wake Forest College was founded primarily for the purpose of educating young ministers. The preacher is the key-man in the Kingdom of God. In him centers the imperial forces which wisely used will dynamite and submarine the satanic powers, and will usher in the glorious kingdom of righteousness among the sons of men.

Well has another said, "The preacher is charged with a sacred debtorship to all men, intrusted with a holy trusteeship—the mysteries of Christ's redeeming gospel, and has committed to him the most transcendent guardianship—the spiritual immortality of unredeemed mankind, and has given to him by the divine hands the most boundless task of earth —leadership in winning and building souls and fitly preparing them for an eternal residence with God."

God give us preachers at times like this demands, strong preachers with great hearts, stiff backbones and helping hands. Preachers who possess an opinion and have convictions, preachers who will not bow down and worship the golden image on the plains of Dura. Preachers who will stand like a granite wall before German Rationalism, Higher Criticism and Ecclesiastical infidelity, and say, "As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." Preachers who will stand as watchmen on the walls of zion, and lift up their voices like "a trumpet and show the people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins."

Before the preacher can stand, he must have a solid foundation; before a preacher can fight, he must have a gun;

before a preacher can cut, his axe must be sharpened. Our forefathers knew that a dull axe could not cut, therefore, they established Wake Forest College primarily for the purpose of grinding preachers.

Last year, there were over eighty young ministers at Wake Forest grinding their axes. He who gives a dollar to ministerial education is helping turn the Baptist "grind rock" which prepares men who will lead our people into all that is wise and best as citizens and as Christians.

Recommendations.

1. That this Association do its part in helping turn the "grind rock" at Wake Forest and at our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.
2. Pray that the Lord may call forth more laborers into his harvest.

Respectfully submitted,
F. A. LYLES.

REPORT ON THE WINGATE SCHOOL.

The one who was to have read the report being absent, Rev. C. J. Black was asked to give a report of the school and discuss the work of the school. On motion, his report was adopted. It is as follows:

Opening of the Wingate School.

Enrollment 250. Boarding students 60. Eight members of the faculty. Twenty-one in the graduating class of 1916. Twenty-eight in the music class. A Business Course has been added, giving a complete course in Shorthand, Typewriting and Bookkeeping. There are fourteen taking this course. The new members of the faculty are getting into the work nicely, and we feel sure that the best year in the history of the school is in sight. This Association and the school ought to be closer together. Just know the work of the school and a more loyal support will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,
J. G. CARROLL, Principal.

At this juncture, there was a motion to continue the session until the work of the Association for this session was completed. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE WAKE FOREST CHURCH.

Bro. J. I. Kendrick orally presented the Wake Forest Church to our Association. The Building Committee ask that this Association raise $1,250.00 including what has already been paid. Whereupon G. V. Tilley offered the following motion:

In view of the fact that the Wake Forest Church building cost more than was expected; and in view of the fact that some of the associations will not probably contribute to the fund, it is moved that we accept the amount of $1,250 as our part, and that a committee apportion this among the churches of our Association on an equitable basis.

This motion was discussed by G. V. Tilley, J. J. Ezell and S. J. Beeker. The motion carried.

Later on in the session, our Moderator appointed the committee to apportion the above amount to the churches of our Association. The committee is composed of G. V. Tilley, S. J. Beeker and F. A. Lyles.

On motion, the other part of the regular programme was dispensed with but all the reports were ordered to be printed in the minutes of our Association.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Shall a servant of God beg bread? There are approximately forty old ministers and old ministers' wives who are totally or partially dependent on this board for support. These have fought valiantly in the heat and in the cold until they have worn out their bodies, receiving small pay for their work.

Now as they are waiting for God to call them home what ought we to do? May God give us hearts of sympathy and a spirit to do our duty.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HOUGH.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Sunday Schools are here to stay. Opening new Sunday Schools in destitute places, and bringing the work up to the highest point of efficiency is the task now before us. Our Sunday School work is growing; but in some places and along some lines the growth is slow. This is due to the fact, that the people are content with anything that may be called a Sunday school. They do not see their opportunities or realize their possibilities. They follow the course of least resistance.

There will be no first class Sunday Schools without a real live church behind it, to push it. But many of our churches do not equip themselves for successful Sunday School work. The officers and teachers of the Sunday School are sastified to drag along in the old ruts, wherein, thousands of others have died and been forgotten. When our people come to realize that their Sunday school teachers are in a large way shaping the destiny of our children, there will be more concern about Sunday School efficiency.

If our teachers can come to realize the fact, that each Lord's day they are dealing with eternal realities and everlasting finalties, and that they are to meet their teaching and their pupils again, in final judgment before God at the last great day, they will wake up, and come to Sunday School with some preparation for teaching the lesson.

The Sunday School teacher is as much in need of preparation for teaching, as the preacher is for preparation for preaching.

Your committee, therefore, recommends:

1. That teacher training classes be formed, and that as many of our people be urged to join these classes as can well do so. An intelligent constituency is a mighty factor in Sunday School efficiency.

2. That our churches equip themselves with the fullest preparation possible for the largest and most efficient work through their Sunday School Department. Each class should have its own room, and be furnished with some of the best maps and charts and other helps.

3. That more of our church members take an active

part in our Sunday School work, and that many as possible of the unenlisted be brought into our schools.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. CARROLL.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

This is a very important question to be written on in so few words. We have passed through two periods of achievement for prohibition. Local Option and State-wide Prohibition, and we are just entering the third and we hope the last conflict with the liquor traffic in our beloved land, which is National Prohibition.

Local Option served its day well, and accomplished great good for temperance, especially in enlightening the people as to the evils of the liquor traffic and the benefits of prohibition and was a stepping stone to State-wide prohibition.

We are proud to say that our beloved State was among the first to abolish the saloon by a vote of 40,000 majority, and since that time State after State have followed her worthy example, until today, it is not so much a question of State-wide prohibition; but a question of National prohibition.

If we rightly read the signs of the times, the greatest National Temperance Convention at Atlantic City last summer foreshadowed the time in the near future, when not by one stroke of the pen of Czar, Emperor, or King saloons shall be abolished; but by our National Congress or a battle of votes at the ballot box, and our entire Fair Land shall be forever legally free from the awful curse of the demon of strong drink.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. SNYDER.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Your Committee on Time, Place and Preacher begs to submit the following report: Time, Tuesday after the second Sunday in September, 1916, 7:30 p. m.

Place, Oak Grove. (Oak Grove is six miles out from Pineville.)

Preacher, R. D. Carroll, Allen Street, Charlotte.
Alternate, J. W. Whitley, McGill Street, Concord, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. LYLES,
H. M. STROUP,
BRYAN POTTS,
Committee.

Your Committee to Nominate the Executive Committee desires to submit the following report: L. R. Pruett, Dr. W. M. Vines, W. A. Smith, J. W. Whitley, J. J. Ezell.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. MOONEY,
M. A. MORTON,
J. A. CAUBLE,
Committee.

Your Committee to nominate a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Asheville, N. C., next May, beg to submit the following report: Delegate, J. Frank Flowers. Alternate, J. A. Durham.

Respectfully submitted,
T. B. PHILLIPS,
W. L. HAGLER,
C. S. DAVIS,
Committee.

Your Committee to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention which meets in Charlotte in December, beg to submit the following report: W. A. Smith, T. A. Franklin, R. D. Cross, J. W. Whitley.

Respectfully submitted,
J. P. STROUP,
C. S. BOST,
J. W. PHILLIPS,
Committee.

Rev. S. F. Conrad offered the following resolution: Resolve that the thanks of the Association be extended to this church and community for the very generous and cordial hospitality extended to us and the cordial greeting

given to the session of this body. The resolution was adopted.

S. J. Beeker moved that the Clerk be allowed the usual salary for his services and that the remainder be used in printing and distributing the minutes. The motion was carried.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the Oak Grove Baptist Church on Tuesday after the second Sunday in September, 1916, at 7:30 p. m.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Arlington—E. H. Williams, W. F. Hagler, R. V. Hinson, John Connell.

Clear Creek—H. W. Pigg, J. F. Reader, C. E. Robinson.

Cornelius—R. D. Mooney, W. A. Hough.

Chadwick — M. A. Morton, J. L. Blackman, S. M. Thomas, C. A. Medlin.

Charlotte, First—J. A. Durham, J. S. Franklin, J. Frank Flowers, W. C. Dowd, Willis Broom, D. L. Probert, Chas. Stroup, T. B. Phillips, Dr. W. M. Vines.

Charlotte, P. M.—W. F. Dowd, J. J. Ezell, E. F. Favell.

Charlotte, Ninth Avenue—Z. D. Boyd, W. R. Boyd, W. M. Lyles, D. W. Fink, Rev. L. R. Pruett, Rev. S. F. Conrad.

Charlotte, Allen Street—W. F. Allen, Rev. R. D. Carroll, Rev. D. F. Helms.

Charlotte, North—J. R. Caudle, J. M. Wilson.

Concord, First—Rev. G. V. Tilley, R. B. Biggers, Hon. T. D. Maness.

Concord, McGill Street—I. R. Helms, J. T. Crowell, Rev. J. W. Whitley.

Concord, West—J. W. Snyder, B. S. Grey.

Friendship—(By letter.)

Hopewell—T. B. White, W. R. Small.

Howells—T. D. Joyner.

Huntersville—(By letter).

Independence Hill—C. S. Davis, J. R. Adkins, J. R. McCurdy.

Kannapolis—John Fisher, Jake Bost, Ben McDaniel.

Matthews—Capt. T. J. Renfrow, J. W. Phillips.

Miami—J. E. Carter, J. M. Auten.

Newells—Q. G. Deaton, J. C. Austin.

Oak Grove—J. P. Stroup, Bryan Potts.

Pleasant Plains—Rev. H. B. King, Baxter Trincher, L. L. Paxton.

Rockwell—George Sweet, Smith Jones, Gradie Caldwell.

Stough Memorial—W. O. Bails, H. M. Stroup.

Thrift—D. D. Harris, R. C. Hansell, S. L. Wents.

Union Grove—J. C. Hager, L. O. Hager, J. N. Narket.

Wilson Grove—T. E. Pigg, G. F. Griffin, V. M. Mullis.

APPORTIONMENT FOR WAKE FOREST CHURCH.

Arlington	$ 7.50
Clear Creek	7.50
Cornelius	25.00
Chadwick	25.00
Charlotte, First	550.00
Charlotte, P. M.	160.00
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue	130.00
Charlotte, Allen Street	50.00
Charlotte, North	25.00
Concord, First	50.00
Concord, McGill Street	30.00
Concord, West	15.00
Friendship	10.00
Hopewell	3.00
Howells	5.00
Huntersville	5.00
Independence Hill	10.00
Kannapolis	45.00
Matthews	20.00
Miami	5.00
Newells	2.00
Oak Grove	7.50
Pleasant Plains	7.50
Rockwell	15.00
Stough Memorial	15.00
Thrift	10.00
Union Grove	5.00
Wilson Grove	10.00
Total	$1,250.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

Superintendents.

Arlington—F. A. Hamilton, Route No. 11, Charlotte, N. C.
Clear Creek—H. W. Pigg, Route No. 1, Unionville, N. C.
Cornelius—C. B. Mooney, Davidson, N. C.
Chadwick—J. W. Rodgers, Route No. 5, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, First—T. S. Franklin, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial—W. F. Dowd, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue—W. J. Fite, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, Allen Street—P. N. Martin, Charlotte, N. C.
North Charlotte—C. C. Hope, North Charlotte, N. C.
Concord, First—T. D. Maness, Concord, N. C.
Concord, McGill Street—C. E. Herrin, Concord, N. C.
Concord, West—W. F. Stegall, Concord, N. C.
Friendship—A. C. Fisher, Route No. 6, Charlotte, N. C.
Hopewell—(No school.)
Howells—E. L. Bost, Route No. 1, Cabarrus, N. C.
Huntersville—(Union.)
Independence Hill—E. H. Stinson, Route 21, Huntersville, N. C.
Kannapolis—E. S. Carter, Kanapolis, N. C.
Matthews—J. W. Phillips, Matthews, N. C.
Miami—J. A. Auten, Bost Mill, N. C.
Newells—A. C. Hollman, Newells, N. C.
Oak Grove—B. M. Potts, Pineville, N. C.
Pleasant Plains—J. E. Broom, Matthews, N. C.
Rockwell—L. N. Sweet, Mooresville, N. C.
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Thrift—W. M. Allen, Paw Creek, N. C.
Union Grove—Clayton Hager, Route No. 22, Huntersville, N. C.
Wilson's Grove—Miss Myrtle Mungo, Route No. 11, Charlotte. N. C.

PASTORS, THEIR POSTOFFICES AND TIME OF PREACHING.

Arlington—(No pastor), 2d Sunday.
Clear Creek—D. F. Helms, Charlotte, N. C., 4th Sunday.
Cornelius—W .A. Hough, Cornelius N. C., every Sunday.
Chadwick—J. H. Spaulding, Charlotte, N. C.,, every Sunday.
Charlotte, First—Dr. W. M. Vines. Charlotte, N. C., every Sunday.
Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial—W. A. Smith, Charlotte, N. C. every Sunday.
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue—L. R. Pruett, Charlotte, N. C., Every Sunday.
Charlotte. Allen Street—R. D. Carroll, Charlotte, N. C., every Sunday.
North Charlotte, E. S. Ivery. North Charlotte, N. C., every Sunday.
Concord, First—Geo. V. Tilley, Concord, N. C.. every Sunday.
Concord, McGill St.—J. W. Whitley, Concord, N. C. every Sunday.
Concord, West—J. W. Snyder, Concord, N. C., every Sunday.
Friendship—(No pastor). 2d and 4th Sundays.
Hopewell—W. A. Hough, Cornelius, N. C., 1st and 3d Sundays.
Howells—J. S. Harris, Oakboro, N. C., 4th Sunday.
Huntersville—W. A. Hough, Cornelius, N. C. 1st and 3d Sundays.
Independence Hill—D. A. Tedder Charlotte. N. C. 2d. 4th Sundays.
Kannapolis—S. J. Beeker, Kannapolis. N. C., every Sunday.
Matthews—R. D. Cross, Oakboro. N. C., 2d Sunday.
Newells—C. M. White, Kannapolis, N. C., 1st and 3d Sundays.
Oak Grove—F. A. Lyles, Pineville, N. C., 1st and 3d Sundays.
Pleasant Plains—R. D. Cross. Matthews, N. C.. 1st and 3d Sundays.
Rockwell—W. A. Hough, Cornelius, N. C.. 2d and 4th Sundays.
Stough Memorial—F. A. Lyles, Pineville, N. C., every Sunday.
Thrift—S. F. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C., every Sunday.
Union Grove—(No pastor.)
Wilson's Grove—R. D. Cross, Matthews, N. C., 1st and 3d Sundays.

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Arlington—P. A. Williams, Route No. 11, Charlotte, N. C.
Clear Creek—L. S. Pigg, Unionville, N. C.
Cornelius—C. B. Mooney, Davidson, N. C.
Chadwick—C. H. Bogen, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, First—H. G. Harper, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial—J. J. Ezell, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte Ninth Avenue—J. E. Miller, Charlotte, N. C.
Charlotte, Allen Street—Lackey Allen, Charlotte, N. C.
Concord, First—M. B. Sherrin, Concord, N. C.
Concord, McGill Street—Grady Blackwelder, Concord, N. C.
Concord, West—G. W. Miller, Concord, N. C.
Friedship—Dawson Mitchell, Route No. 4, Charlotte, N. C.
Hopewell—H. D. Winecoff, Route No. 23, Huntersville, N. C.
Howells—D. W. Garmon, Concord, N. C.
Huntersville—S. L. Mullen, Huntersville, N. C.
Independence Hill—C. S. Davis, Route, No. 7, Charlotte, N. C.
Kannapolis—J. W. Bounds, Kannapolis, N. C.
Matthews—Capt. T. J. Renfrow, Matthews, N. C.
Miami—J. E. Carter, Route No. 5, Concord, N. C.
Newells—A. B. Jordan, Derita, N. C.
Oak Grove—M. A. Edwards, Jr., Pineville, N. C.
Pleasant Plains—J. E. Broom, Matthews, N. C.
Rockwell—Geo. E. Sweet, Mooresville, N. C.
Stough Memorial—Miss Mary Cook, Pineville, N. C.
Thrift—R. C. Hansell, Paw Creek, N. C.
Union Grove—Hampton Hastings, Route No. 22, Huntersville, N. C.
Wilson's Grove—T. E. Pigg, Route No. 9, Charlotte, N. C.

TABLE I.—STATISTICAL

CHURCH.	Value of Church Property	GAINS			LOSSES			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
		By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Arlington	$	41	6	5	12	1	1	118	113	231
Clear Creek	1,500.00	5		1	6			58	79	137
Cornelius	3,000.00	16			3	2		60	74	134
Chadwick	3,300.00	9	33	1	45	48	1	66	86	152
Charlotte, First	100.000.00	142	119	1	50		5	548	758	1306
Charlotte, P. M.	20,000.00	30	33	7	19		1	156	226	382
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue	28,000.00	52	53	1	38	2		215	394	605
Charlotte, Allen Street	3,000.00	7	18		32	2	2	105	179	284
Charlotte, North	7,500.00	45	15	2	16	5		60	132	192
Concord, First	8,000.00	26	19	3	18	2	5	77	148	225
Concord, McGill	5,500.00	46	39	3	28	4	4	152	199	351
Concord, West	1,800.00	20	15	4	12	5	7	102	169	271
Friendship.	1,500.00							8	23	31
Hopewell	1,500.00		5					21	26	47
Howells	800.00	1	2		6		1	36	53	89
Huntersville	300.00	6	7					18	22	40
Independence Hill	1,800.00	8			8	1	2	38	56	94
Kannapolis	12,000.00	39	73		27		1	181	283	464
Matthews	6,000.00	5	2	1	5			49	70	119
Miami	800.00	3	2		3	6		8	20	28
Newells		8	4		2			11	25	36
Oak Grove	1,000.00	7						40	30	70
Pleasant Plains	1,000.00	8	4	1	12	1	1	37	70	107
Rockwell	1,500.00	8	4		4		2	28	34	64
Stough Memorial	2,000,00	24	10		4	1	1	41	74	109
Thrift	5,500.00	24	14	2	15			42	83	125
Union Grove	850.00							19	18	37
Wilson's Grove	2,000.00	31	2	4	11		2	87	88	175
	$213.150.00	611	479	36	376	78	30	2421	3532	5953

TABLE IV.—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

NAME OF CHURCH, ORGANIZATION, PRESIDENT AND POSTOFFICE.	State Missions.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Board.	Training School	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Cornelius, W. M. S.— Mrs. E. M. Wilhelm, Cornelius, N. C.	4.60	$ 5.65	$ 5.50	$	$	$ 4.95	$ 20.80
Cornelius, Sunbeams—Miss Bessie Sapp, Cornelius, N. C.							
Chadwick, W. M. S.—Mrs. E. J. Sharpe, Charlotte, N. C.	8.86						8.86
Chadwick, Sunbeams—Mrs. J. H. Spaulding, Charlotte, N. C.							
Charlotte, 1st Ch., W. M. S—Mrs. T. S. Franklin, Charlotte, N. C.							
Charlotte, 1st Ch., Y. W. A.—Miss Sarah Holland, Charlotte, N. C.	268.00	974.10	849.00		14.95	694.95	2801.00
Charlotte, 1st Ch., Sunbeams—Mrs. Wallace Smith, Charlotte, N. C.							
Charlotte, 1st Ch., R. A.—Mrs. J. A. Yarborough, Charlotte, N. C.							
Charlotte, P. M., W. M. S.—Mrs. F. D. Lethco, Charlotte, N. C.							
Charlotte, P. M., Y. W. A.—Mrs. C. W. Jones, Charlotte, N. C.	86.80	83.11	103.50		46.00	17.50	336.91
Charlotte, P. M., Sunbeams—Miss Fay Austin, Charlotte, N. C.							
Charlotte, P. M., G. A.—Mrs. W. A. Smith, Charlotte, N. C.							
Charlotte, 9th Ave.—W. M. S.—Mrs. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte, N. C.							
Charlotte, 9th Ave., Y. P. M. B.—Agile Skinner, Charlotte, N. C.	28.04	20.28	14.00		23.50		85.82
Charlotte, 9th Ave.—Sunbeans—Mrs. J. L. Parker, Charlotte, N. C.							
Charlotte, Allen St., W. M. S.—Mrs. R. D. Carroll, Charlotte, N. C.							
Charlotte, Allen St., Y. W. A.—Miss Lillie Williams, Charlotte, N. C.	7.00	15.70	41.20		10.30	1.00	68.20
Charlotte, Allen St., Sunbeams—Miss Vera Martin, Charlotte, N. C.							
Concord, First, W. M. S.—Mrs. C. E. Craven, Concord, N. C.							
Concord, First, Y. W. A.—Miss Mattie Jones, Concord, N. C.	2.80	8.00	6.00			2.00	18.80
Concord, First, Sunbeams—Miss Jennie Kearns, Concord, N. C.							
Concord, McGill St., W. M. S—Mrs. J. W. Whitley, Concord, N. C.							
Concord, McGill St., G. A.—Miss Neoma Groff, Concord, N. C.							
Concord, McGill St., Sunbeams—Miss Maude Shankle, Concord, N. C.	18.50	6.00	7.00			12.75	44.25

TABLE IV. Continued—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

NAME OF CHURCH, ORGANIZATION, PRESIDENT AND POSTOFFICE.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Board.	Training School	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Concord, McGill St., R. A.—Master Carl Mills, Concord N. C.							
Friendship, Y. W. A.—Mrs. Hawfield, Charlotte, Route 4	6.25	3.25	2.75				12.25
Friendship, Sunbeams—Miss Maggie Mitchell, Charlotte, Route 4							
Independence Hill, W. M. S.—Mrs. R. H. Beatty, Derita, N. C., Route 13	4.00	4.20	6.25				14.45
Independence Hill, Y. W. A.—Miss AlmaDavis, Charlotte, N. C., Route 7							
Kannapolis, W. M. S.—Mrs. Ira Montgomery, Kannapolis, N. C.	6.00	10.00	7.00	5.00	2.76	64.00	94.76
Kannapolis, Sunbeams—Miss Fannie Johonson, Kanapolis, N. C.							
Matthews, W. M. S.—Mrs. R. D. Cross, Matthews, N. C.	.94	.65		.82			2.41
Matthews, Sunbeams—Mrs. R. D. Cross, Matthews, N. C.							
Oak Grove, W. M. S.—Mrs. J. D. Withers, Charlotte, N. C., Route 12							
Oak Grove, Y. W. A.—Miss Louise Blackwelder, Fort Mills, S. C.	9.78	6.10	13.30				29.18
Oak Grove, Sunbeams, Miss Carrie Blackwelder, Fort Mills, S. C.							
Pleasant Plains, W. M. S.—Mrs. N. R. McLendon, Matthews, N. C.,	2.00	5.10	7.15				14.25
Stough Memorial, W. M. S.—Mrs. J. E. M. Davenport, Pineville, N. C.							
Stough Memorial, Y. W. A.—Miss Sadie Bell, Pineville, N. C.	5.50	5.60	5.50			17.00	33.60
Stough Memorial, Sunbeams—Miss Mary Cook, Pineville, N. C.							
Wilson's Grove, W. M. S.—Mrs. Emma Warn, Charlotte, N. C. Route 9	5.00						5.00
Grand Totals	466.07	1146.74	1068.15	5.82	97.51	814.15	3590.54

TABLE III.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in Sunday School	Months Kept Open	Baptisms From School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Arlington	1	8	158	166		12	35	$ 14.35	$	$ 1.42	$	$ 15.67
Clear Creek	1	8	65	73	40	12	3	6.00				6.00
Cornelius	1	9	145	154	82	12	14	47.35	4.22	25.42	18.50	95.39
Chadwick	1	16	176	192	75	12	9	95.00		35.00		130.00
Charlotte, First	2	42	1178	1220	750	12	75	738.57	100.00	291.35	75.00	1204.93
Charlotte, P. M.	1	17	283	300		12	20	218.95	90.37	69.07	53.28	431.67
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue	1	15	431	446	300	12		130.37	7.13	45.53	7.50	190.53
Charlotte, Allen Street	1	17	277	294		12	4	54.88	25.77	44.20	68.65	193.40
Charlotte, North	1	11	200	211	105	12	35	80.16		7.64	77.82	166.12
Concord, First	1	17	192	209	98	12	20	156.00	20.00	24.00	5.00	205.00
Concord, McGill	1	14	335	349	250	12	43	119.87	7.27	15.30	86.55	228.99
Concord, West	2	16	225	241	40	12	15	93.79				93.79
Friendship.	1	4	12	16	8	9		3.00				3.00
Hopewell												
Howells	1	6	84	90		12		8.00				8.00
Huntersville												
Independence Hill	1	10	93	103	55	12	4	14.40	8.22	14.55		37.17
Kannapolis	1	16	537	553	240	12	37	100.65		30.60	9.00	140.25
Matthews	1	7	75	82	40	12	4	25.00			20.00	45.00
Miami	1							10.00				10.00
Newells												
Oak Grove	1	6	51	57		12		22.06	.81	11.00		33.87
Pleasant Plains	1	7	60	67		12	6	12.00				12.00
Rockwell	1	8	105	113	57	12	4	20.00	10.00	5.00	.54	35.54
Stough Memorial	1	8	85	93	50	12	20	40.00		6.00		46.00
Thrift	1	6	84	90	36	12	12	56.12	3.36	6.95		66.43
Union Grove	1	5	15	20		9						
Wilson's Grove	1	7	65	72	40	9	20	6.50		2.00		8.50
	27	280	4931	5211	2246		380	2083.33	277.15	635.03	421.84	3407.25

TABLE II.—FINANCIAL

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions.	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	Total.
Arlington	$ 150.00	$	$ 43.78	$ 14.25	$ 15.22	$	$ 3.90	$ 2.00	$	$	1.42	$	$	$	$ 78.00	$ 308.57
Clear Creek	100.00	75.00	18.00	6.00		2.00	10.00	4.00	4.00		10.00		2.00			231.00
Cornelius	300.00	440.29	12.40	47.25	18.50	2.50	30.00	10.00	10.00	4.22	25.42	2.00	3.00		20.25	925.34
Chadwick	800.00	78.33	59.57	95.00		2.30	19.37	4.75	7.12	7.46	35.00	2.00			9.75	1118.65
Charlotte, First	4000.00	555.81	1313.12	1204.93	583.59	10.00	621.70	1194.05	849.00	100.00	5832.91	100.00		500.00	3284.91	20150.02
Charlotte, P. M.	1800.00	1172.45	500.34	218.95	139.84	5.00	176.82	100.00	200.00		116.95	25.00	10.00		261.50	4776.85
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue	1500.00	190.23	548.34	130.37	9.96		68.54	25.53	24.00		56.50			53.50	1166.00	3772.97
Charlotte, Allen Street	933.35	243.93	72.87		5.52		7.00	41.69	64.75		44.20			5.00	237.65	1633.76
Charlotte, North	591.66	319.15	36.09	80.66	5.00		15.51	5.58	6.63		14.80				114.60	1179.68
Concord, First	1500.00	150.00	383.17	156.00	5.00	2.10	51.20	48.02	72.80		37.00	6.40	6.40	9.50	5.00	2297.59
Concord, McGill	1000.00	292.00	570.92	220.99	37.75	3.60	36.50	25.50	30.00		15.30				935.88	3170.44
Concord, West	291.10	362.28	115.89		20.00	2.00	15.00	7.00	7.00		36.70		3.46		13.50	873.93
Friendship.	150.00		1.20	3.00			6.00	2.50	2.50		5.00				.10	170.30
Hopewell	125.00	1200.00			10.00	1.00									52.30	1388.30
Howells	125.00		12.00	8.00		.50	10.00	4.00	10.00		15.00		2.00			186.50
Huntersville	50.00		30.00		30.00		5.00		2.50		15.00					132.50
Independence Hill	121.90		12.50	14.40		2.00	15.00	8.00	10.00		14.55		1.43		37.05	236.83
Kannapolis	700.00	344.88	47.30	140.25	22.68		85.00	50.00	30.25	5.00	12.00	5.00	2.00	4.18	220.26	1668.80
Matthews	500.00	10.00	30.00	50.00		3.00	25.00	19.75	24.00		10.00				23.87	695.61
Miami	50.00	55.02	12.80	15.00	2.10	.50	10.00	3.00	2.00		3.00					149.42
Newells	71.47		10.00	4.15		1.00					6.25					92.87
Oak Grove	300.00			22.06		2.00	14.64	11.10	15.00		11.00	1.00	1.00			377.80
Pleasant Plains	200.00			12.00		2.00	9.00	9.00	9.00		8.75					249.75
Rockwell	125.00	45.00	5.00	20.00	10.00	1.25	4.32	2.18	3.25	4.54	5.00					225.74
Stough Memorial	275.00		100.50	40.00		2.00	30.00	22.00	24.00		16.00	5.00	3.00			517.50
Thrift	700.00	1587.93	48.86	56.12		2.30	7.00	3.36		2.31	6.95				70.27	2484.17
Union Grove	100.00	35.00				1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00		3.00					145.00
Wilson's Grove	250.00	70.00	21.40	6.50		1.11	10.00	5.00	11.99		7.00					383.00
Grand Total	16,559.42	7427.30	4006.05	2560.88	905.16		1287.95	1610.95	1734.74	123.53	6218.50	146.40	34.29	572.18	6117.11	49702.83

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Cross, R. D. ..... Matthews, N. C.
Carroll, R. D. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Davenport, J. E. M. ..... Pineville, N. C.
Helms, F. C. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Helms, D. F. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Hough, W. A. ..... Cornelius, N. C.
Harrington, W. D. ..... North Charlotte, N. C.
Harris, J. S. ..... Oakboro, N. C.
King, F. D. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Phillips, T. B. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Pruette, L. R. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Smith, W. A. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Snyder, J. W. ..... Concord, N. C.
Spaulding, J. H. (Chadwick) ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Tilley, Geo. V. ..... Concord, N. C.
Vines, W. M. ..... Charlotte, N. C.

DELEGATES.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—F. A. Bobbitt, W. M. Lyles, Geo. V. Tilley.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—L. R. Pruette, Geo. V. Tilley.

Executive Board of the Association—L. R. Pruette, J. J. Ezell, W. A. Smith, W. M. Vines, S. W. Bennett.

Member of Board of Missions—L. R. Pruette.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT SESSION.

To write on Home Missions, W. A. Hough.
Foreign Missions, W. M. Vines,
Orphanage, F. A. Bobbitt.
Christian Education, S. W. Bennett.
Periodicals, J. H. Spaulding.
Sunday Schools, R. D. Cross.
Temperance, J. F. Black.
Woman's Work, Mrs. J. D. Withers.
Old Ministers' Relief, J. S. Harris.
State of Churches, W. A. Smith.

BY-LAWS.

1. The Association shall be composed of the pastors and messengers from the churches of the Association.

Each church shall have three messengers for the first one hundred members or fraction thereof, and one for each additional fifty members, or fraction thereof, provided, that no church has more than ten messengers in addition to the pastor, who shall be an ex-officio messenger.

2. The daily sessions of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Delegates shall be recognized by letters from their churches, designating them as such.

4. The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers, or delegates of newly received churches by extending to them his right hand of fellowship.

5. The Clerk shall provide blank letters for the use of the churches of the Association, previous to the meeting of the Association, superintend the publication and distribution of the Minutes, preserve a file of them and have it present at each annual session, read the proceedings of the preceding session at the beginning of each morning session, and the last day's proceedings at the close of the annual session.

6. Members desiring to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator; shall use the term "brother" in speaking to each other; shall not speak on the same subject more than twice without permission, and shall observe the courtesy that becomes Christians.

7. Members shall not absent themselves from the sessions of the Association without permission of the body.

8. A copy of the Minutes shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Mission Board, also a copy to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention and one to the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa., and one to the Field Secretary for Sunday Schools in North Carolina.

9. All questions of order, not herein provided shall be decided by "Parliamentary Law."

10. The report of the Executive Board and the mission work of the Association, with short reports from the missionaries shall take precedence of all other business during the morning session of the second day of the annual session.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

11. The general order of business shall be
    (1) Enrollment of Delegates.
    (2) Election of Officers.
    (3) Petitionary Letters.
    (4) Appointment of Committees for this Session.
    (5) Appointment of Standing Committees.
    (6) Report of Special Committees.
    (7) Report of Standing Committees.
    (8) Report of Other Committees.
    (9) Miscellaneous Business.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES.

Arlington—Milus Medlin, D. M. Hagler, D. O. Connell.

Concord, McGill St.—S. W. Bennett, C. E. Herring, Fred Howell, C. Propst.

Concord, West—Walter Hagler, M. Ross, Belk King.

Concord, First—Geo. V. Tilley.

Charlotte, First—W. M. Vines, J. A. Durham, W. C. Dowd, T. S. Franklin, T. B. Phillips.

Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial—W. A. Smith, W. F. Dowd, J. J. Ezell.

Charlotte, Ninth Avenue—W. M. Liles, Z. D. Boyd, R. J. Boyd, L. R. Pruette, S. F. Conrad.

Charlotte, Allen St.—W. A. Parker, J. A. Williams, Lockey Allen, A. B. Hayes, D. F. Helms.

Charlotte, North—C. C. Hope, W. D. Harrington.

Cornelius—W. A. Hough, J. P. Christy, W. L. Hough.

Chadwick—Edwin Brinkley, W. E. Bost.

Clear Creek—J. F. Reader, J. A. Helms, Frank Hagler.

Friendship—L. W. Walker, C. Garrison.

Howell's—D. S. Garmon, J. S. Harris.

Hopewell—H. D. Winecoff, T. B. White.

Huntersville—By letter.

Independence Hill—S. W. Davis, E. H. Stinson.

Kannapolis————.

Matthews—T. J. Renfrow, R. D. Cross.

Miami————.

Newells—By letter.

Oak Grove—B. M. Potts, J. D. Withers, R. G. K. Edwards.

Pleasant Plains—L. L. Paxton, Arthur Broom.

Rockwell—Bruce Sweet, Oscar Ingle.

Stough Memorial—L. C. Moore, W. H. Griffin.

Thrift—S. F. Conrad, E. D. Silvey, Lomax Harrell.

Union Grove—L. O. Hager, Walter Crump.

Wilson's Grove—G. F. Griffin, W. H. Byrd, J. V. Mullis.

PROCEEDINGS

The Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association met in its thirty-first Annual Session with the Oak Grove Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, September 12, 1916.

After a song service led by L. R. Pruette, G. V. Tilley read the sixth chapter of Hebrews and offered prayer. R. D. Carroll, the appointee, preached the introductory sermon from Heb. 6:1-3, Dr. R. T. Vann led in prayer.

After remarks by L. R. Pruette a motion by W. A. Smith, to postpone the organization till tomrrow was lost. R. D. Cross then moved that R. D. Carroll cast the vote of the Association for L. R. Pruette as Moderator. The motion carried and the ballot was cast for Pruett and he was declared Moderator of the Association. S. F. Conrad moved to elect R. D. Carroll Clerk pro tem. G. V. Tilley moved to amend the motion by electing Brother Carroll permanent Clerk. The amendment was adopted, and motion as amended was carried, and R. D. Carroll was declared elected Clerk of the Association.

By order of the body R. D. Carroll was elected Treasurer of the Association. W. A. Smith, J. P. Stroup, and R. J. Boyd were appointed a Committee on Order of Business.

By motion of R. D. Cross it was ordered that a Finance Committee be appointed.

Visiting brethren were recognized as follows: R. T. Vann, Secretary of the Board of Education of the Baptist State Convention; E. L. Middleton, Sunday School Secretary of the Convention; F. A. Hamrick, of the Baptist Orphanage, and W. R. Beach, representing the Biblical Recorder.

The following named new pastors were recognized: F. A. Bobbitt, of the Pineville field, W. D. Harrington, of North Charlotte, and J. S. Harris, pastor at Newells.

Pastors S. J. Beeker of the South Yadkin Association and F. A. Lyles, of Rock Hill, S. C. were welcomed to seats in the body.

Committee on Order of Business reported as follows: 9:30 tomorrow, Devotional Service, 10:00 Sunday-schools, 10:45 Foreign Missions.

By order of the body, this report was re-considered and the Orphanage and Periodicals were substituted for Foreign Missions.

D. F. Helms was appointed to conduct devotional service tomorrow morning.

Adjourned with benediction by R. D. Cross.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

In the absence of Brother Helms, Brother J. S. Harris conducted the devotional service.

The minutes were read and adopted.

In the absence of the Report on Sunday-schools, by order of the body, Brother E. L. Middleton was asked to address the Association and let the report come later. Brother Middleton spoke to the Association on Sunday-schools as did T. S. Franklin, Miss Carrie McLean, J. S. Harris and R. D. Cross.

Geo. V. Tilley read the Report on the Orphanage and spoke to the report as did F. B. Hamrick, after which it was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The traveler is still shown the Barathon in Athens and the "Child's Ditch" in China, where children are left to die of cold and hunger, or be devoured by the beasts, who promise to become dependent upon public charity. Christianity has given childhood its proper place in the hearts of men. No institution today is supported more cheerfully than the one which extends a helping hand to the fatherless and helpless in our midst. We are approaching the stage where we do not have to argue the importance of supporting the Orphanage at Thomasville, and the Kennedy Home at Kinston, but we have only to make them realize the needs, and the proper support is forthcoming.

Five hunderd children are being fed, clothed and trained—four hundred and fifty at Thomasville and fifty at the Kennedy Home. During the year ending June 15, sixty-five were received and fifty-eight left.

We wish to give our hearty endorsement to the evidently wise, capable and conscientious management of the institution.

The physical equipment is most excellent as to quality. As partial support and aid in training the children, the institution has a shoe shop, sewing room, farm and dairy, printing plant, laundry. Just now the capacity of the institution is taxed and increased service will call for enlarged equipment. There is urgent need of a chapel at the Kennedy Home and if one or more generous souls would only contribute a sufficient amount for this, the entire brotherhood would feel grateful, and our Heavenly Father would be pleased.

It is remarkable that no serious illness visited the Orphanage

during the year—only one death, a little boy unfortunate by nature.

The amount contributed by our people for current expenses was $54,822.77. The Thanksgiving offering has become an item of tremendous importance, indispensable to the present necessities of the institution. There is every reason to believe that it is now a permanent custom and that the amount will be increased from year to year. The per capita cost per child per month was $9.09.

Charity and Children truly deserves a word in this brief report. Among the Orphanage papers it has no peer. It should be taken and read by our people. Under its excellent management it yielded a net profit of $5,699.65 to the Orphanage last year.

We must not forget that the Orphanage is ours. It can serve its highest purpose only by our aid. We should generously support it, and see that it is not imposed upon. It is not a place for children who already have homes. While it educates, it is not primarily a boarding school. We should use our efforts, so far as we can, to see that children who do not need the institution, shall not stand in the way of those who do need it. Let me quote from the Orphanage Report at our last State Convention: "Once more we call attention to the overwhelming number of applications for the admission of children whose mothers are living and in good health. When the mother is a good woman and in good health, and able to work, we repeat that realtives, neighbors and her home church should share her burden and enable her to hold her little family together. Such children are pressed into the Orphanage and are occupying the places that should be given to more needy children." See Minutes Baptist State Convention, 1915, page 59.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. V. TILLEY.

The Report on the Biblical Recorder was presented by W. R. Beach as follows:

REPORT ON THE BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The Biblical Recorder has already entered upon its eighty-second volume as the organ of our Baptist State Convention. It has earnestly endeavored through all these years to be faithful to its trust in fostering every undertaking that had for its aim the uplift of mankind and the glory of God. Earnestly contending for the faith as well as giving the necessary information concerning every phase of the work; keeping the bond of unity among the brethren and making it stronger all the while; keeping every department of the work in close touch with every other part and the different sections of the State in sympathy with each other.

It is a moral duty for the Baptists of this State to support the Biblical Recorder, because of its relation to us as our organ and because we direct its policy and elect the Editor from time to time.

Blessed are those people who read good literature, for it not only restrains from the bad but gives our families access to the best thought of the age and inspires us to higher endeavors.

The price of the Recorder has been only one dollar and fifty cents for some years, but on account of the high price of paper and other printing material the directors have been forced to make the price two dollars after October 1 of this year.

We would urge the pastors to bring the claims of our organ to the attention of their members and help to largely increase the

The report was discussed by W. R. Beach and Dr. R. T. Vann and adopted.

The Committee on Order of Business made the following report.

Wednesday Afternoon.

1:30-2:00—Woman's Work.
2:00-3:00—State Missions.
3:00-3:45—Christian Education.
3:45-4:15—Ministerial Relief.

By motion of Dr. Vines the Clerk was asked to furnish reports of the Association for the papers.

Rev. S. P. Hair, of the York Association, S. C., and Rev. D. W. Thomason, of Rock Hill, were welcomed to seats in the body.

The Moderator recognized Rev. W. N. Johnson, our new Corresponding Secretary of Missions, Prof. J. M. Cheek, Liberty-Piedmont Institute, and Rev. S. W. Bennett, the new pastor of McGill Street Church, Concord, N. C.

Adjourned for dinner. Benediction by W. N. Johnson.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing, the Moderator announced the following committees:

Finance—W. M. Lyles, W. A. Parker, C. E. Herring.

To Nominate Executive Committee—J. W. Synder, J. S. Harris, W. C. Bost.

To Nominate Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—J. H. Spaulding, T. B. White, A. B. Hayes

To nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention—W. D. Harrington, T. B. Phillips, W. Hagler.

Time, Place and Preacher—T. J. Renfrow, C. Garrison, J. D. Withers.

Committee on Order of Business made the following report.

Thursday Morning.

9:30—Devotional Service.
10:00—Home Missions.
11:00—Foreign Missions.

Mrs. J. D. Withers read the Report on Woman's Work, which was spoken to by W. A. Smith and Miss McLean and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

On the morning of the resurrection of Christ an angel appeared to the women at the tomb and told them to "go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead; and behold He goeth before you into Galilee" and as they went to tell the disciples behold Jesus met them and said unto them: "Go tell My brethren that they go into Galilee and there they shall see Me." The first msseage of the risen Lord was entrusted to the faithful band of women who had been with Him on His last missionary tour, and by Him in the crucifixion and with torn and bleeding hearts, watched where they laid Him. Christ said "Go" and they hastened to deliver the message.

It is always a pleasure to me to have the privilege of bringing you news of the woman's work of the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association, for truly, every year brings an increased joy in the ever deepening spirit of united love and prayerful co-operation. The Report of the Associational Superintendent can never be a record of her work alone, but rather an incomplete summary of the faithfulness of every Society worker. I wish I could share with you some of the inspirational joy that has come to me through letters bringing love and hope and brimming over with the spirit of real sacrifice on the part of many of our women. Many of our country Societies find it difficult to meet regularly, but they are regular in sending in their reports. We greatly rejoice that there is a gratifying interest manifested among the Junior workers. This is due largely to the fact that at our last annual meeting Miss Carrie McLean, of Charlotte, was made Associational Leader of this work. She has pushed the work untiringly these months and on the thirty-first of August a Y. W. A. rally was held with the First Church, with a large and enthusiastic delegation. We hope one year from now to report a Y. W. A. in every church in the Association.

Our annual meeting was held with Pritchard Memorial Church with seventy-three delegates in attendance and it was said to be the best meeting in our history. We feel that we have made

progress and that our efforts are worth while. Five Societies have been organized this year. We have an organization in sixteen of the 28 churches.

Letters and postals written, 70; report blanks sent out, 168; apportionment cards, 40. Total letters and literature sent out, 278; amount reported, $2,910.88; financial aim, 1916-1917, $3,000.00.

And now in closing this report I want to thank the pastors for their loyal support and encouragement and beg of them to continue to help to push the work until there is a Society in every church and every woman and child a member of that Society.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. D. WITHERS.

R. D. Carroll read the Report on State Missions, which was discussed by Secretary Johnson and adopted as follows.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Baptist idea of missions is giving all the gospel to all the world; and giving it as they find it in the New Testament. This being true, we still have a mighty task in North Carolina. The Baptist State Mission opportunity increases every day. We are now raising $55,000 in this work. About 150 men are now engaged on the different mission fields in our State. There is room for 250 men and need for $100,000. The State Mission spirit has fostered every Baptist enterprise that is worth while in the State, and woe betides us when we loosen our hold on this department of our work. If Baptists in North Carolina want to die, let them abandon State Missions. When State Missions cease to provide recruits at home, converts will cease to be made abroad.

Our own Association asked for more than $1,500 last year. This amount had to be shaved down. We gave only $1,287.95 during 1915. Up to the time of writing this report I have not been able to learn how much the churches have given during 1916. At the Convention in Charlotte last year, nine fields in our Association were asking for help. These fields need to make a thorough canvass in the interest of self-support, and if possible, they should reduce the amount asked for, or come off the Board altogether. We need to teach the people about missions with as much earnestness and emphasis as we teach them about sin and salvation.

When State Missions properly grip our people we shall do more mission work in "the uttermost parts of the earth."

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. CARROLL.

W. A. Smith read the report on Christian Education. The report was discussed by W. A. Smith, Dr. R. T. Vann, J. M. Cheek, Geo. V. Tilley and Dr. Vines. It was ordered that the time be extended fifteen minutes. Subscriptions to cover the $600 recommended in the report were called for and pledges were taken as follows:

Charlotte, First Church	$200.00
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue	50.00
Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial	100.00
Charlotte, Allen Street	15.00
Charlotte, North	20.00
Thrift	5.00
Clear Creek	10.00
Concord, First	25.00
Concord, McGill St.	25.00
Concord, West	10.00
Chadwick	10.00
Cornelius	10.00
Arlington	25.00
Friendship	10.00
Oak Grove	15.00
Stough Memorial	15.00
Union Grove	5.00
Wilson's Grove	10.00
Rockwell	5.00
Pleasant Plains	5.00
Miami	2.00
Matthews	25.00
Kannapolis	25.00
Independence Hill	5.00
Huntersville	3.00
Howell's	5.00
Hopewell	5.00
Total amount pledged	$ 640

The report was adopted as follows.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Baptist State Convention at its session in Raleigh in 1914, ambitious to further develop, extend and systematize its school system, appointed the Board of Education and electel the experienced and efficient R. T. Vann, D.D., its Secretary.

This action was the practical expression of the growing interest in Christian Education on the part of North Carolina

Baptists. They rejoice in their past achievements along this line, but are not blind to the more glorious prospects and possibilities within their reach.

Our Baptist School System of the State embraces Wake Forest College for men and Meredith and Chowan Colleges for women and fourteen high schools for boys and girls. The total property valuation of these schools and colleges is about one and a half million dollars. The total enrollment in these schools and colleges for the last session was 3,788. The prospects for the sessions now opening are for a much larger attendance than ever before.

The aim of the Board of Education is to raise $20,000 this year for Christian Education. This amount is not only to be used in assisting ministerial students at Wake Forest and the Seminary, but also to promote Christian Education in general for all our young men and women.

We give our hearty endorsement of the Convention's effort and aim along this important line of Christian Education. We also recommend that the churches of our Association undertake to raise $600 as our proportional part of this $20,000 for the ensuing year, and that the Executive Committee of the Association apportion this amount among the churches at this session and that said apportionment be recorded in its minutes.

Christian Education needs no longer so much argument, but action, to establish its claims. The proof of its value is its product. It must be conceded that the best in American life and ideals owes its existence and maintenance in no small way to Christian Education. This is due to the fact that it lays emphasis on the making of a life as well as on the making of a living. The purpose of Christian Education is well expressed by Mrs. Jameson when she said: "The true purpose of education is to cherish and unfold the seed of immortality already sown within us; to develop to their fullest extent, the capacities of every kind with which God who made us has endowed us."

Our Baptist schools and colleges in North Carolina have had much to do in making us what we are as a denomination. It is now up to us as a denomination to make the schools and colleges what they ought to be by our support and patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. SMITH.

W. D. Harrington presented the Report on Old Ministers' Relief. The report was discussed by W. D. Harrington and W. A. Smith and was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The most honorable and the most neglected of God's servants are the old-retired ministers, and their wives. They, the pioneers of the Kingdom, not only made possible the existence

of the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association, but the Baptist State, and the Southern Baptist Conventions. Not only this, but church-houses were constructed; thousands of souls saved, through and by their instrumentalities. Are we going to let them suffer?

Note the Minutes of this Association for the year 1915; to your suprise, you will find that out of a constituency of twenty-eight churches, that only ten contributed to the cause of Ministerial Relief. Shame! Your committee, therefore, recommends:

(1) That this Association take the matter of Ministerial Relief into a more sincere and a more prayerful consideration.

(2) That each pastor of the Association sometime during the incoming year preach a special sermon to his congregation and therefore beg his membership to respond with a liberal collection to the cause of retired ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. HARRINGTON.

L. R. Pruette presented his History of the Churches of the Association, and the body ordered that it be committed to the Executive Committee and that they be empowered to act, and if, in their judgment, it is found wise to publish same and the money can be, and is secured, that said committee report to the next session of this body which may authorize the publication of the history.

S. W. Bennett read the following Report on Sunday-Schools, which was adopted without discussion. The matter of Sunday-schools having already been discussed as stated above in these proceedings.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The modern idea of the Sunday-school is quite different from that of a few years ago. Instead of regarding it as "the nursery of the church", it is now regarded as "the teaching service of the church," in which the Word of God is taught to adults as well as to children. Many of our churches which a few years ago put all emphasis on "making disciples," are now placing an equal emphasis on "teaching them to observe all things commanded by our Lord." While the Sunday-school work is now regarded as a most important part of our church work; yet a glance at the Minutes of this Association for last year reveals the sad fact that hardly forty per cent of our church membership is engaged in this important work.

If the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association would make of its Sunday-schools what other Associations have made of theirs, it must avail itself of the helps offered.

Our Sunday School Board at Nashville, and our Sunday School Secretaries, who are specialists in their work, are offering to us "helps," which are building Sunday-school interests in other

Associations and which if applied in our Association, will solve our problems and give a new day to our Sunday-school work.

Your committee recommends that each church in our Association aspire to a "Standard Sunday-school" as indicated by our Board at Nashville, and as a means to this end, that a Normal Training Class be organized in every church. We suggest also, that a space be provided in our Sunday-school report in our church letter to our Association, where the number of diplomas from the Normal Training Class held by officers in our schools may be indicated, and that our churches contribute more largely to the support of our denominational Sunday-school work.

Then, certainly, every Sunday-school should send one collection a month to our Orphanage. Certainly, also, every Sunday-school should provide itself with a large club of Charity and Children.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. BENNETT.

W. A. Hough was asked to conduct devotional service tomorrow morning. Adjourned. Benediction by W. A. Smith.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

W. A. Hough led the opening service. Minutes were read and approved.

The Order of Business was suspended and the State of the Churches taken up. S. F. Conrad read the Report on State of the Churches, and addressed the body. It was ordered that half of the time allotted to Home Missions be given to the Report on State of the Churches. J. H. Spaulding, R. D. Cross and W. A. Smith spoke to the report.

W. A. Smith moved an amendment to the Report on State of the Churches. The amendment was accepted and the report adopted as amended.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

The present year has been a year of blessing in a very large measure to the churches of this Association. Most of the churches have held successful revival meetings and the year has been one of many baptisms—probably a record-breaking year in the increase of membership. The evangelistic campaign in Charlotte under the Home Board was one of the most notable events in the history of our work. More than eight hundred accessions were made in Charlotte to the white and colored churches—over four hundred additions to our white Baptist churches. Few of the churches are pastorless, but most of them have ef-

ficient and aggressive pastors. The field for planting new missions and widening our work is most inviting.

I would recommend the purchase of a large gospel tent to be owned by the Association and under the control of the Executive Board and to be used in our mission fields and among our weak churches as opportunity may require. The purchase of such tent will be no burden to our twenty-eight churches to raise and will supply us with a valuable aid in our work.

There is an urgent need to enlist the young members of our churches in active Christian work. We need to bring our young people into touch and co-operation with our own work and immunize them with the inter-denominational work, which is taking the very life blood out of our denominational life. A gospel tent will serve a good purpose for conventions and young peoples' meetings.

Altogether we have much for which to thank God and take courage.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. CONRAD.

An amendment by W. A. Smith, moved: That the Executive Committee of this Association be authorized to look into the feasibility and possibility of employing an Associational evangelist, and that they be empowered to employ such evangelist if satisfactory man and necessary finances can be secured. Also, that the matter of providing a tent be left to the committee.

W. A. Smith read the following resolution with reference to the work at Thrift. The resolution was discussed by S. F. Conrad and L. R. Pruette and adopted as follows:

RESOLUTIONS WITH REFERENCE TO THE WORK AT THRIFT.

Whereas, it is known to most of us that Brother S. F. Conrad, who is one of our missionaries under our Board, has carried a heavy burden for two years or more growing out of the building of the house of worship at Thrift; we have now a splendid house, well-equipped, which has cost about $5,500. On this there is an indebtedness of about $2,000. Half of this has been put into a building and loan association, which leaves about one thousand dollars to be provided. This work is a part of our mission work and deserves the hearty co-operation of our people in its support.

Resolved, therefore, that we most heartily commend this work to our people and ask the churches of the Association to give to Brother Conrad their aid in providing for this indebtedness. A small contribution from our six thousand and more members will easily wipe out this debt and help to lift this burden.

R. D. Cross presented the Report on Foreign Missions. The report was discussed by Brother Cross and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Salvation by grace, the unmerited favor of God, is the ground and impulse for salvation of all lost people regardless of where they live; but the great commission of our ascending Lord gives us both the where, the whole world, the what, discipling, baptizing, and vitalizing, and the promise of His presence with those who do this.

I shall confine this report to the work that Southern Baptists are doing on foreign fields.

I. Our task and aim in this work—this should be to preach the whole gospel to the whole world in as short time as possible; but we will have to limit this in territory.

(1) Our undertaking—While most of the primitive peoples, except Africa, have been evangelized after a fashion by other denominations, yet Christianity has just come into contact with the great religions of the world, where the mighty battles are to be fought out with these religions and so-called Christianity in Catholic lands and much of Protestantism. We are working in the following countries and among the following people: In West Africa, among four millions of Yoruba spaking people; in the Argentine field, composed of Argentine, Uruguay, and Chili, among thirteen millions; in Brazil, among twenty-five millions; in six provinces of China, among one hundred to a hundred and twenty million; leaving untouched two hundred and fifty millions; in Japan among twelve millions; in Italy of fifty millions; and to Mexico of fifteen million. We are hardly making a shadow on this small part of the lost world.

(2) But what are we to do with these two hundred millions or more? Here there are both partial and extreme views, and sane ones. Some say only evangelize the world in this genration, singe over the territory with human voice, leaving all else to follow as a matter of course, or that fills the commission. Others say civilize and do social service, treat bodies and minds, and the work of the soul will follow—which it has not done in any land that has tried it. But to fill up the commission we shall do all, preach a whole gospel to the whole man, soul, mind, and body.

II. Our agencies for accomplishing these ends—The hidden power of God released is the only power that can do it, but He uses agencies that we do not furnish. These are the Christian homes of the missionaries, in the sixty-eight residences owned by the Board, and those in native houses, and the homes of the native Christians; the 459 churches, composed of 42,630 members, contributing $129,000; the working force of 315 missionaries and 700 native workers; 453 schools, with 13,531 pupils;

nineteen medical missionaries, nineteen hospitals and dispensaries, treating about 75,000 patients.

III. Our encouragements—Next to the promises of the Lord we consider the following:

(1) What has been accomplished at home—In the last few years there has come about a new spirit and enlarged view of doing the whole work of the Lord, and not stopping at evangelizing. More money has been raised this year than ever before for Foreign Missions. More than $500,000 was raised for running expenses, $280,000 for Judson Fund, and $180,000 for the debt, nearly a million in all in a little more than one year. More of our very best trained young men and women, enough to fill up all gaps, have volunteered for the foreign field.

(2) The results on the foreign field—Nothwithstanding the hindrances caused by the wars of Europe and Mexico, and the putting of greater emphasis upon training the mind and healing the body, there were reported last year 6,473 baptisms, instructing 13,531 pupils, and the treating of nearly 75,000 patients.

(3) The equipment in increased facilities for work made possible by the million and quarter Judson Centennial Fund, the subscription to which was completed this year, the speedy payment of which we urge.

(4) The second stage in mission work changed conditions brought about by what has been done in the readiness of the people to hear, and the opening among the higher classes, especially the students to the universities.

(5) And the very stupendousness of it in the consciousness that God has a mighty purpose to work out in the terrible conflicts that are now raging.

We recommend that our people take and read the Foreign Mission Journal. That it is necessary to keep informed on the work.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. CROSS.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The discovery and colonization of the United States and its establishment as a nation are events in religious history. In the language of Greene: "They were driven forth from their fatherland, not by earthly want or by greed of gold or by the lust of adventure, but by the fear of God and the zeal for a godly worship." Says M. de Tocqueville: "Religion gave birth to Anglo-American society." Says another historian: "It is remarkable that in every charter granted to the Southern colonies the propagation of the gospel is mentioned as one of the reasons for undertaking the planting of them." Emerson says: "America is another name for opportunity. It is God's final effort to help the human race." In the language of Alexander

Hamilton: "It is ours to be either the grave in which the hopes of the world shall be entombed, or the pillar of the cloud that shall pilot the race onward." "Here beats the fevered heart of modern civilization, and he who wins that heart holds the key to the centuries."

As we think of the statements which we have made and then contemplate the opportunity of our Home Mission Board we cannot but feel that it is a task at once magnificent and appalling, for it means nothing less than to preserve and perpetuate the Christian spirit of the South until it permeates and prevails through and over all the spheres of life in this great and growing section, and ultimately influences the life of the nation and the destiny of the world.

In the providence of God, America has been forced to take her place as a world power and both gratitude and godly fear become us as we behold that power being used among nations for justice and peace. In China, Cuba and the Philippines, our nation gave a foretoken that her part among the nations was not to exploit others for selfish ends, but to help and bless. In war-torn Mexico and in Europe, riven by the greatest conflict of the ages, America is with a tremendous sense of responsibility seeking to establish that peace and love which Christ brought upon earth.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Atlanta, Georgia, has for seventy-one years been the exponent of our united Southern Baptist body for saving our own land. The story of the achievements of its missionaries in bringing lost men to Christ surpasses that of any similar agency in America. Last year the number of baptisms reported by its workers was 43,792 and the number brought into the churches was 71,386. After the negro baptisms are counted out, twenty per cent of the baptisms reported by Southern Baptist churches last year were by missionaries supported wholly or in part by the Home Mission Board and thirteen per cent by missionaries supported by no other agency than the Home Mission Board.

At the same time, our Board through its Enlistment Department and mission schools and otherwise, is doing each year a larger work of developing the unplanted life in our churches—which is missions and which is today one of the most strenuous and appealing tasks that still confronts us. Baptists both count and weigh, but the very largeness of our successful outreach has made for us an intensive task which may well cause us to tremble with a sense of responsibility, while it should also make us rejoice with a realization of our almost unmatched opportunity.

For the first time in many years our Board reported at the last Convention a significant debt of $72,000. At the same time if the $102,000 be counted which was raised in cash and subscriptions during the year for the Church Building Loan

Fund, the record for the year was more than $50,000 above the year preceding.

Deeply impressed with the large and crying needs which are to be met in the present year, our Board, at the annual meeting in May was not daunted. The debt was put in the budget of the present year. Some retrenchment was necessary where retrenchment cut to the quick, but our Board felt that it must do what it believed the churches would have it to do, and is confident that the present year's work will surpass even the splendid record of the past year.

Cuba, Panama, Co-operative Missions, Evangelism, Church Building, Mountain Schools, Foreigners, Indians, Negroes, Educational Publicity, Enlistment—each of these names covers great and needed activities of the Board—some larger than others—all essential. In this report it is impossible to tell of all these tasks, but this is done in the Board's admirable tracts and annual report, which may be had for the asking.

How remarkable has been the South's progress along agricultural and industrial lines during the past decade was strikingly brought out by President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern Railway Company, in an address before the Virginia Bankers' Association. Mr. Harrison gave figures showing that during this period with an increase of population of but 14.13 per cent, the South increased the assessed value of its property 81.25 per cent, its total wealth 129.23 per cent, the value of its agricultural products 56.54 per cent, of its live stock 51.82 per cent, its manufactures 107.66 per cent, and its mineral products 42.85 per cent. The number of banking institutions increased 68.75 per cent, banking capital 68.92 per cent, deposits 77.28 per cent and surplus 121.99 per cent. The mileage of improved roads increased 147.28 per cent and the revenue devoted to public schools 150.31 per cent.

The annual income of Southern Baptists is estimated at five hundred million dollars. Last year we gave to all causes less than twenty million. If the tithe is an intimation of the minimum return upon our stwardship, we owe God thirty million dollars from last year alone. We recommend:

(1) That our churches be encouraged and urged to order and make a larger use of the Board's free tracts on Home Missions and of its admirable Mission Study Books, suitable either for classes, the general reader, or for use in prayer meeting talks and in sermons. These books sound a needed note of denominational loyalty.

(2) That subscribers be gotten in every church for the Home Field, and for its successor, the combined Home and Foreign Mission magazine to be published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tennessee.

(3) Inasmuch as our Board is not making an extra appeal to raise the balance of the debt, we feel that each of our churches should be all the more determined to raise its full apportion-

ment for Home Missions and that the money should be raised and sent in regularly, rather than at the close of the year.

WILLIAM M. VINES.

W. A. Hough was put in place of Brother Renfrow on the Committee on Time and Place.

Adjourned for dinner. Benediction by Brother Hair.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Roll was called and corrected as shown in the list of churches and their delegates.

G. V. Tilley read the Report on Home Missions as prepared by Dr. W. M. Vines. W. A. Smith, G. V. Tilley, R. D. Cross and S. P. Hair discussed the report and it was adopted.

S. F. Conrad presented the Report on Temperance which was discussed by S. F. Conrad, J. P. Stroup, J. W. Snyder and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance has been defined as the moderate use of all things necessary and the total abstinence from all things unnecessary. The use of alcoholic liquors in the last few years has been scientifically considered by the medical world and by experts along other lines and because of its demoralizing and debasing effects many of the great nations of the world are abolishing its use as an article to be dealt with as a public beverage regulated and sold under a licensed privilege.

Nearly half of the States in the Union have abolished its licensed sale in saloons and public sentiment is rapidly opening against its licensed sale altogether. The cause of temperance therefore, was never so hopeful as now. In a recent issue made by the Hobson bill the lower house of congress put itself on record by a majority vote favoring national prohibition.

We should, however, remember that vigilance in suppressing the illicit sale of liquor by blind tigers should be regarded as a constant menace to the course of prohibition and we urge our people to be diligent in bringing these unlawful liquor dealers to the bar of justice. Also that we use our best endeavors to cut out the quart liquor law and reduce its use to the lowest minimum.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. CONRAD.

G. V. Tilley offered an amendment to the By-Laws. See By-Laws No 1.

The following resolution of thanks was read by S. F. Conrad and adopted.

"Resolved, that the thanks of this Association be most heartily extended to this church and the good people of this community who have given to us such a generous hospitality while in their midst."

The Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher reported as follows:

Place—North Charlotte Baptist Church; Time, 7:30 p. m., Tuesday after the second Sunday in September, 1917; Preacher —Rev. S. W. Bennett, Concord, N. C.; Alternate, Rev. R. D. Cross, Matthews, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HOUGH,
COVINGTON GARRISON,
J. D. WITHERS.

The following is the Report of the Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Your Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention nominate L. R. Pruette and Geo. V. Tilley.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SPAULDING,
T. B. WHITE,
A. B. HAYES.

The Committee to Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention reported as follows:

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—F. A. Bobbitt, W. M. Lyles, Geo. V. Tilley.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. HARRINGTON,
J. B. PHILLIPS,
W. HAGLER.

The Committee to Nominate the Executive Committee of the Association made the following report: L. R. Pruette, J. J. Ezell, W. A. Smith, W. M. Vines, S. W. Bennett.

The following is the report of the Finance Committee:

We, your Finance Committee, beg to make the following report: We find pledged to Minute fund $64.06. Amount in hand,

$33.56. Amount to be sent to the Clerk, $30.50. We find four churches have made no pledge to Minute fund.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. LYLES,
C. E. HERRING.
W. A. PARKER.

By motion of S. F. Conrad, which was amended by G. V. Tilley, it was ordered that the Clerk be allowed $25 for his services, out of the money in hand and that the balance, with any that may be secured for advertising be used for publishing the Minutes, and that 500 copies be published and distributed according to the amounts sent in by the different churches.

The brethren joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie" and the Association adjourned with prayer by Brother S. F. Conrad.

L. R. PRUETTE, Moderator.

R. D. CARROLL, Clerk.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL

Church	Pastor and Post-Office	Clerk and Post-Office	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Gains			Losses			No. of Males	No. of Females	Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restor'tion	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Arlington	J. H. Spaulding, Charlotte	P. A. Williams, Allen, R1	3rd S.	$ 3 500	13	1	26	26	2	2	101	114	215
Concord, McGill St.	S.W. Bennett, Concord	H. G. Blackwelder, Concord	E. S.	8 000	28	35	15	25	6	3	148	216	364
Concord, First	G. V. Tilley, Concord	M. B. Sherrin, Concord	E. S.	12 000	6	24	--	11	1	2	80	159	239
Concord, West	J. W. Synder, Concord	G. W. Miller, Concord	E. S.	1 800	7	23	--	22	6	1	102	177	279
Charlotte, First	W. M. Vines, Charlotte	Dr. C. N. Peeler, Charlotte	E. S.	100 000	54	117	--	73	2	4	526	716	1 242
Charlotte, 9th Ave.	L. R. Pruette, Charlotte	J. E. Miller, Charlotte	E. S.	30 000	75	66	1	59	--	4	255	411	666
Charlotte, P. M.	W. A. Smith, Charlotte	J. J. Ezell, Charlotte	E. S.	20 000	52	52	11	24	--	4	206	263	469
Charlotte, Allen St.	R. D. Carroll, Charlotte	Lockey Allen, Charlotte	E. S.	3 500	53	60	2	17	--	4	157	206	363
Charlotte, North	W. D. Harrington, N. Char	C. C. Hope, North Charlotte	E. S.	10 000	70	33	14	27	--	2	119	173	292
Cornelius	W. A. Hough, Corneilus	C. B .Mooney, Corneilus	E. S.	5 000	----	9	--	7	--	5	52	71	123
Chadwick	----------	S. M. Thomas Char. R5, B 135	E. S.	4 800	32	36	2	22	--	2	91	95	186
Clear Creek	J. W. Phillips, Matthews	L. S. Pigg, Unionville, R1	4th S.	3 000	5	----	--	3	--	2	50	60	110
Friendship	F. M. Huggins, Belmont	C. Garrison, Charlotte, R12	2 & 4	1 250	3	5	--	5	--	--	12	24	36
Huntersville	W. A. Hough, Corneilus	S. L. Mullen, Huntersville	1 & 3	500	2	3	--	1	--	--	11	23	34
Howell's	J. S. Harris, Oakboro	A. J. Garmon, Concord, R7	4th S.	900	11	1	--	---	1	3	40	53	93
Hopewell	W. A. Hough, Corneilus	H. D. Winecoff, Hun'sville, R23	1 & 3	1 500	7	----	--	1	2	1	26	24	50
Independence Hill	J. H. Spaulding, Charlotte	C. S. Davis, Charlootte, R7	2 & 4	1 800	4	----	--	5	--	--	40	53	93
Kannapolis	J. F. Bleak, Kannapolis	------	------	------	----	----	--	---	--	--	------	------	------
Matthews	R. D. Cross, Matthews	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	2 & 4	6 000	----	2	--	---	2	--	48	68	116
Miami	----------	------	------	------	----	----	--	---	--	--	------	------	------
Newell's	C. M. White, Concord	A. B. Jordan, Derita	1 & 3	1 200	2	1	--	1	2	--	11	26	37
Oak Grove	F. A. Bobbitt, Pineville	M. A. Edwards, Pineville	1 & 3	1 500	10	3	--	---	--	2	33	50	83
Pleasant Plains	R. D. Cross, Matthews	J. E. Broom, Matthews	1 & 3	1 500	4	----	1	3	--	1	37	70	107
Rockwell	W. A. Hough, Corneilus	G. E. Sweet, Mooresville	2 & 4	1 500	1	2	--	2	--	--	28	35	63
Stough's Memorial	F. A. Bobbitt, Pineville	W. L. Moore, Pineville	2 & 4	2 000	9	2	3	8	--	3	44	76	120
Thrift	S. F. Conrad, Charlotte	E. D. Selvey, Paw Creek	1, 2, 3	5 500	6	13	--	23	--	--	43	81	124
Union Grove	S. F. Conrad, Charlotte	H. Hastings, Huntersville, R22	4th S.	850	14	2	--	1	--	1	29	34	63
Wilson's Grove	R. D. Cross, Matthews	T. E. Pigg, Charlotte, R9	1 & 3	2 000	----	5	1	11	--	--	83	79	162
Totals	----------	----------	------	$221 600	468	475	71	377	24	46	2 392	2 882	5 729

TABLE II—FINANCIAL

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Min. Education	Ministerial Relief	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	Total
Arlington	200 00			15 61	7 00	1 81	3 84		5 20		8 07				1 91	241 44
Concord, McGill Street	1,200.00	463 00	181 00	65 84	46 00	3 50	13 00	35 15	58 05		79 02		12 07	8 00	400 00	2 566 63
Concord, West	500 00	96 00	77 40	91 30	15 00	2 50	31 00	9 81	9 81		59 88		8 29			900 99
Concord, First	1,500.00	55 00	673 78	119 61	3 05	2 00	82 95	61 00	75 90		75 69			22 20	51 05	2 722 23
Charlotte, First	4,000.00	437 19	5,189.39	893 76	640 10	10 00	827 17	1,296.82	1,890.80		1,009.81			38 40	6,500.00	22,923.84
Charotte, Ninth Avenue	1,800.00	420 62	764 14	150 96	27 75	5 00	60 48	286 98	302 45		105 64	163 71			99 75	4 087 48
Charlotte, Allen Street	1,000.00	659 11	102 35	141 39		2 80	44 65	244 00	43 37			12 00			39 47	2 257 14
Charlotte, P. M.	1,800.00	530 08	686 77	231 15	48 96	5 00	244 36	338 82	1,010.97	5 00	314 48	80 00	10 68	64 40		5 370 02
Charlotte, North	730 86	299 16	122 50	105 89	42 30	5 00	55 68	93 25	15 00		10 00				61 29	1 540 93
Chadwick	600 00	110 00	126 00	193 40	58 75	2 00		52 25		15 00					23 75	1 179 15
Clear Creek	100 00		20 00	9 00	12 00	1 75	4 50	4 00	3 00		4 00					158 25
Cornelius	300 00		8 75	36 87	18 40	1 50	20 00	5 20	20 25		46 68		4 00		26 91	498 06
Friendship	132 00		7 55	9 00		1 05	19 00	14 70	10 30		22 00	2 03	2 75			210 35
Howell's	125 00	6 00	8 00	12 00	5 00	2 80	4 00	4 00	4 00		7 35	1 00	1 00			180 15
Huntersville	50 00		10 00	25 00	10 00		2 50	2 50	5 00		10 00					110 00
Hopewell	125 00	360 75		18 00		50	2 25		4 50		2 21				19 08	532 29
Independence Hill	200 00	22 00	2 15	15 05	2 00	2 00	12 04	8 06	11 19	1 12	19 42		1 90		38 68	335 61
Kannapolis																
Matthews	500 00	25 00	25 00	35 00		3 00	25 00	19 00	33 33		18 00	4 60				687 93
Miami																
Newell's	52 98	213 86		12 00												
Oak Grove	300 00	47 42		28 24		2 00	22 52	4 75	7 72	14 00	31 95			4 50		463 10
Pleasant Plains	250 00			8 00		1 00	8 90	4 00	10 15			6 10			17 00	304 25
Rockwell	125 00	98 00	8 00	22 00	30 00	1 50	10 42		6 90		25 00				10 00	335 42
Stough Memorial	275 00	3 50		65 00		2 00	7 30	5 00	2 00		14 68				31 50	406 16
Thrift	600 00	984 00	26 49	14 00		2 00	13 55	5 00	2 00	1 00	20 34	1 00	1 00		152 84	1 823 25
Union Grove	150 00	92 47	5 00	3 68		1 50	5 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	2 00		1 00		17 02	283 17
Wilson's Grove	250 00		12 00	6 25		1 65	16 87	10 00	11 50		3 70	7 22				341 59
Totals	1546584	490316	400278	232800	96531	6411	148787	2,484.34	3,520.99	37 12	1,824.20	349 41	42 69	13770	7,278.89	47,564.68

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Church	Superintendent and Post Office	Secretary and Post Office	No. Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in Sunday School	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Arlington	F. M. Hinson, Allen	Della Brafford, Allen, R1	1	8	150	158		12		1561		807	191	2559
Concord, McGill St.	C. E. Herring, Concord	F. A. Millsapp, Concord	1	14	321	335	175	12	24	6584	4410	7902	13600	32496
Concord, First	R. B. Biggers, Concord	Miss Lela Bruton, Concord	1	15	204	219		12	4	11961	500	4619	5105	22185
Concord, West	J. W. Connell, Concord	R. P. Hill, Concord	1	14	250	264	50	12	2	6897	2500	2964	2233	14594
Charlotte, First	T. S. Franklin, Charlotte	E. B. Howell, Charlotte	2	42	1190	1234	790	12	40	89376	3338	60918		153632
Charlotte, 9th Ave.	W. J. Fite, Charlotte	J. H. Fiddler, Charlotte	1	15	495	510		12		15096	1995	7124	7500	31835
Charlotte, Allen St.	J. M. Hill, Charlotte	J. W. Watkins, Charlotte	1	17	380	398	250	12	41	14139	3217	2500	4944	25300
Charlotte, P. M.	A. C. Porter, Charlotte	F. D. Ethco, Charlotte	1	20	323	343		12	40	23115	17388	24058		64561
Charlotte, North	C. C. Hope, N. Charlotte	W. L. Hope, N. Charlotte	1	11	363	374	225	12	55	10589	4653	407	4887	20536
Chadwick	J. W. Rogers, Charlotte, R 5	N. H. McGuir, Chad Sta.	1	17	183	200	80	12	22	9840	1500	3200	4800	19340
Clear Creek	H. W. Pigg, Unionville	Sam Mullis, Charlotte R. 11	1	7	73	80		12	3	900				900
Cornelius	C. B. Mooney, Davidson	Lee Whitlow, Davidson	1	9	114	123	72	12		3637	1932	2468	950	8987
Friendship	A. C. Fisher, Charlotte, R.4.	L. W. Walker, Charlotte R4	1	5	30	35		12	3	900	500			1400
Howell's	E. L. Bost, Cabarrus	D. Dorton, Concord, R7	1	6	78	84		11	10					
Huntersville														
Hopewell	W. F. Sweet, Cornelius	Miss Pearl Sweet, Cornelius	1	9	79	88	35	12	4	1800		221	800	2821
Independence Hill	E. H. Stinson, Hun'ville R21	C. A. Davis, Charlott, R7	1	10	71	81	50	12	3	1505	1594	1942	1083	6124
Kannapolis														
Matthews	J. W. Phillips, Matthews	Jessie Boyt, Matthews	1	9	100	109	50	12		4000		2163		6163
Miami														
Newell's	A. C. Halloman, Newells	W. L. Auten, Newells	1	6	43	49	30	12		1200				1200
Oak Grove	W. E. Smith, Pineville	L. Bl'welder, Ft. Mills, S. C.	1	7	57	64		12	9	2824	1400	750		4974
Pleasant Plains	J. E. Broom, Matthews	Arthur Broom, Matthews	1	4	64	69	50	12	4	800				800
Rockwell	Geo. E. Sweet, Mooresville	Bruce Sweet, Mooresville	1	8	82	90	50	12	1	2200	1232	2500	120	6002
Stough's Memorial	H. M. Stroup, Pineville		1	8	100	108	45	12	8	6500		1486		7986
Thrift	Paysour, Paw Creek	Hendricks, Paw C'k	1	7	103	110	30	12	6		855	2034		2889
Union Grove	Fred Hastings, Hun'ville	A. C. Stephens, Hunter'ville	1	3	15	19	15	9	2	368				368
Wilson's Grove	T. E. Pigg, Charlotte, R. 9	Myrtle Mungo, Char'te R11	2	14	100	114	70	12		2405	1000			3405
Totals			27	285	4968	5238	2067		281	218197	48064	125613	46209	446057

TABLE IV—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Church	Name of Organization	President and Post-Office	No. of Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Training School	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Concord, McGill St.	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. W. Propst, Concord	12	$ 65	$ 8 60	$ 5 00	$ 8 00	$	$ 22 75
Concord, McGill St.	Sunbeam	Mrs. W. T. Mills, Concord	30		2 00	8 00			10 00
Concord, First	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. K. L. Craven, Concord		15 00	20 00	12 30	5 00	2 00	54 30
Concord, First	Sunbeam	Vermelde Lide, Concord				60			60
Charlotte, First	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. T. S. Franklin, Char.	152	304 00	690 00	1 328 00	27 00		2 319 00
Charlotte, First	Young Woman's Auxiliary	Sarah Holland, Charlotte	39	55 33	51 10	216 25	6 00	70 00	398 68
Charlotte, First	Lottie Moon Y. W. A.	Madeline McClain, Charl'te	22	20 00		10 25	4 40	6 00	42 25
Charlotte, First	Sunbeam	Mrs. Wm. Smith, Charlotte	40	7 25	8 85	17 45		10 00	43 55
Charlotte, First	Royal Ambassador	Mrs. Wm. Wilkes, Charlotte	30			1 00			1 00
Charlotte, Allen St.	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. R. D. Carroll, Char.	20	27 00	18 00	25 00	9 00	1 00	80 00
Charlotte, Allen St.	Young Woman's Auxiliary	Dora Williams, Charlotte	20	7 15	8 00	4 50			19 65
Charlotte, Allen St.	Sunbeam	Miss May Benton, Charlotte	50	6 50	3 65	7 87			18 02
Charlotte, Allen St.	Royal Ambassador	S. O. King, Charlotte	10	4 00	3 50	6 00			13 50
Charlotte, P. M.	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. F. D. Lethco, Char.	36	72 30	78 25	208 00	36 30		394 85
Charlotte, P. M.	Young Woman's Auxiliary	Miss Jessie Willes, Charlotte	11	15 00	18 00	31 50	13 00		78 70
Charlotte, P. M.	Sunbeam	Miss Fay Austin, Charlotte	20	2 65	2 50	4 50	1 60		11 25
Charlotte, P. M.	Girl's Auxiliary		17	12 60	7 20	19 00	11 50		52 30
Charlotte, North	Young Woman's Auxiliary	Connie E. Lomax, N. Char.							
Charlotte, North	Sunbeam	Bessie Austin, N. Charlotte	35	48 00					48 00
Chadwick	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. S. C. Shoaf, Chd. Sta.			6 20	12 00			18 20
Chadwick	Sunbeam	Mrs. J. H. Spaulding, Char.			55	5 00			5 55
Cornelius	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. C. Mooney, Davidson			4 20	7 50		4 71	15 41
Cornelius	Sunbeam	Annie Whitlaw, Corneilus	75				1 25		1 25
Friendship	Young Woman's Auxiliary	Mrs. L. D. Price, Charlotte	4	6 75	3 75	6 30	2 00		18 80
Friendship	Sunbeam	Madge Mitchell, Charlotte	18	25	1 20	25			1 70
Hopewell	Woman's Missionary Society	C. E. Winecoff, Huntersville						60 75	60 75
Independence Hill	Woman's Missionary Society	Sue Atkins, Charlotte, R7	6	1 25	1 50	3 80			6 50
Independence Hill	Young Woman's Auxiliary	Alma Davis, Charlotte	6	82	1 45	3 00			5 27
Independence Hill	Sunbeam	Connie Baker, Charlotte, R7	19	1 20	1 20	1 45			3 85
Matthews	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. R. D. Cross, Matthews	15	4 95	6 00	3 35	5 70	5 55	26 45
Matthews	Sunbeam	Mrs. R. D. Cross, Matthews		4 00					4 30
Oak Grove	Woman's Missionary Society	J. D. Withers, Char., R12	13	6 30	3 25	6 37	2 60		18 52
Oak Grove	Young Woman's Auxiliary	L. Bl'welder, Ft. Mills, S. C.	13	2 85	1 20	1 10	1 45		6 60
Oak Grove	Sunbeam	C. Bl'w'der, Ft. Mills, S. C.	15	30	25	45			1 00
Pleasant Plains	Woman's Missionary Society	N. R. McLendon, Matthews	9	4 00	2 50		2 15		8 65
Stough's Memorial	Woman's Missionary Society	J. E. M. Davenport, Pi'ville		3 00	3 00				6 00
Stough's Memorial	Sunbeam	Miss Mary Cook, Pineville		4 30	2 00	2 00			8 30
Totals			6 62	$639 20	$958 40	$1 949 79	$ 136 95	$ 160 60	$ 3 844 94

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Baptist Association

HELD WITH

NORTH CHARLOTTE CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1917

Moderator—L. R. Pruette, ... Charlotte, N. C.
Clerk and Treasurer—R. D. Carroll, . . . Charlotte, N. C.

Next session meets with West Concord Baptist Church, 7:30 p. m., Tuesday after the second Sunday in September, 1918.

Introductory Sermon by Rev. F. A. Bobbitt, Pineville, N. C., or his alternate, Rev. W. A. Smith, Charlotte, N. C.

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Austin, D. M.....Charlotte, N. C.
Adams, J. Q.....Charlotte, N. C.
Bennett, S. W. .....Concord, N. C.
Bennett, J. P.....Chadwick Station, Charlotte, N. C.
Black, J. F.....Kannapolis, N. C.
Bobbitt, F. A.....Pineville, N. C.
Conrad, S. F.....Charlotte, N. C.
Cross, R. D.....Matthews, N. C.
Carroll, R. D.....Charlotte, N. C.
Davenport, J. E. M.....Pineville, N. C.
Grubb, J. Adam.....Salisbury, N. C.
Hough, W. A.....Cornelius, N C.
Harris, J. S.....Oakboro, N. C.
Huggins, F. M.....Belmont, N. C.
Phillips, T. B.....Charlotte, N. C.
Pruette, L. R.....Charlotte, N. C.
Snyder, J. W.....Concord N. C.
Smith, W. A.....Charlotte, N. C.
Spaulding, J. H.....Allen, N. C.
Tilley, Geo. V.....Concord, N. C
Vines, W. M.....Charlotte, N. C.

DELEGATES.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—J. F. Black, J. P. Bennet, R. D. Carroll.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—W. A. Smith, S. W. Bennett.

Executive Board of the Association—L. R. Pruette, W. A Smith, J. J. Ezell, S. W. Bennett, W. M. Vines.

Member of Board of Missions—L. R. Pruette.

TO WRITE REPORTS FOR NEXT SESSION.

State Missions—S. W. Bennett.
Home Missions—W. A. Smith.
Foreign Missions—R. D. Cross.
Christian Education—W. M. Vines.
Orphanage—F. A. Bobbitt.
Sunday Schools—J. F. Black.
Periodicals—F. M. Huggins.
Temperance—D. F. Helms.
Old Ministers' Relief—J. P. Bennett.
Woman's Work—Mrs. J. D. Withers.
State of Churches—Geo. V. Tilley.

BY-LAWS.

1. The Association shall be composed of the pastors and messengers from the churches of the Association.

Each church shall have three messengers for the first one hundred members or fraction thereof, and one for each additional fifty members, or fraction thereof, provided, that no church has more than ten messengers in addition to the pastor, who shall be an ex-officio messenger.

2. The daily sessions of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Delegates shall be recognized by letters from their churches, designating them as such.

4. The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers, or delegates of newly received churches by extending to them his right hand of fellowship.

5. The Clerk shall provide blank letters for the use of the churches of the Association, previous to the meeting of the Association, superintend the publication and distribution of the Minutes, preserve a file of them and have it present at each annual sessions, read the proceedings of the preceding session at the beginning of each morning session, and the last day's proceedings at the close of the annual session.

6. Members desiring to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator; shall use the term "brother" in speaking to each other; shall not speak on the same subject more than twice without permission, and shall observe the courtesy that becomes Christians.

7. Members are requested not to absent themselves from the sessions of the Association, but to remain to the end of the meeting.

8. A copy of the Minutes shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Mission Board ,also a copy to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention and one to the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa., and one to the Field Secretary for Sunday Schools in North Carolina.

9. All questions of order, not herein provided shall be decided by "Parliamentary Law."

10. The report of the Executive Board and the mission work of the Association, with short reports from the missionaries shall take precedence of all other business during the morning session of the second day of the annual session.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

11. The general Order of Business shall be:
(1) Enrollment of Delegates.
(2) Eelection of Officers.
(3) Petitionary Letters.
(4) Appointment of Committees for this session.
(5) Oppointment of Standing Committtees.
(6) Reports of Special Committees.
(7) Reports of Standing Committees.
(8) Reports of Other Committees.
(9) Miscellaneous Business.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES.

Arlington—M. Medlin.

Cahrlotte, First—J. A. Durham, T. S. Franklin, W. Brown, J. A. Yarborough, T. B. Phillips, Dr. C. N. Peeler, A. L. Byrd, W. M. Vines, C. Stroup.

Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial—J. J. Ezell, W. F. Dowd, Dr. G. H. Saddleson, J. S. Brinkley.

Charlotte, Ninth Avenue—R. J. Boyd, W. M. Lyles, W. J. Fite J. H. Bostick, W. R. Boyd, D. W. Fink.

Charlotte, Allen Street—J. C. Redding, S. O. King, A. F. Helms W. A. Parker, A. B. Hayes.

Charlotte, North Charlotte—J. D. Turner, E. F. Skidmore, C. F. Gamble, Sidney Rouse.

Chadwick—W. G. Cathey, J. N. Wood, J. B. Walker.

Cornelius—W. A. Hough W. L. Hough, E. A. Stilwell.

Clear Creek—H. W. Pigg.

Concord, First—J. W. Collett, W. A. Hershman, W. M. Carzine, H. C. Herring, G. V. Tilley, G. T. Barnhardt.

Concord, McGill St.—D. A. Kearns, F. Propst, C. W. Propst, A. Jones, B. Cranfield, S. W. Bennett.

Concord, West Concord—L. A. Talbert, T. V. Talbert, W. F. Stegall, K. McDonald.

Friendship—A. C. Fisher, L. W. Walker.

Huntersville—Represented by letter.

Howells—T. D. Joyner.

Hopewell—G. W. Gurley, Geo. Winecoff, H. D. Winecoff.

Indepedence Hill—S. W. Davis, J. R. Atkins, E. H. Stinson.

Kannapolis—J. F. Black, John Connell.

Matthews—T. J. Renfrow.

Miami—J. D. Little, H. M. Dry, J. W. Snyder.

Newells—A. B. Jordan, L. W. Austin, L. L. Godfrey.

Oak Grove—B. M. Potts, J. P. Stroup.

Rockwell—G. E. Sweet, F. Kennedy, O. V. Ingle.

Stough Memorial—F. A. Bobbitt.

Thrift—E. D. Selvey, L. L. Gross, J. M. Hawkins.

Union Grove—J. C. Hager, G. O. Hastings.

Wilson's Grove—G. F. Griffin, W. H. Byrd, J. S. Wilson, J. Newell.

PROCEEDINGS

The Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association met in its thirty-second annual session with the North Charlotte Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, September 11, 1917.

After a song service, Rev. R. D. Carroll read Luke 15:1-24 and Rev. Geo. V. Tilley led in prayer. Rev. S. W. Bennet, pastor of McGill Street, Church, Concord, N. C., preached the Associational sermon, based on the three parables, in the Scripture read, and choosing as his theme: "The Lost Christian."

Rev. L. R. Pruette led in prayer, and as Moderator of the last session, formerly called the Association to order.

Letters were presented and delegates enrolled as follows: See list of Churches and Their Delegates.

Election of officers was declared in order and Rev. R. D. Cross moved that Rev. R. L. Pruette be elected to succeed himself as Moderator of the Association, and it was so ordered.

By motion of Brother W. M. Lyles Rev. R. D. Carroll was elected Clerk. Bro. D. W. Fink moved that Bro. J. J. Ezell be elected Treasurer, and it was so ordered.

By motion of Dr. Vines, article 7 of the By-Laws was changed so as to read: "Members are requested not to absent themselves from the sessions of the Association, but to remain to the end of the meeting."

Brethren R. D. Cross, S. F. Conrad and J. R. Caudle were appointed a Committee on Order of Business.

By order of the body, the election of Bro. J. J. Ezell as Treasurer was re-considered, and by motion of Bro. S. W. Bennett R. D. Carroll was elected Treasurer.

Bro. R. D. Cross, for the Committee on Order of Business reported as follows:

Wednesday Morning Session.

Devotional Service 9-9:30.
Social Service.
Temperance 9:30 to 10 a. m.
Minister's Relief 10-10:30.
Orphanage 10:30 to 11:30.
Miscellaneous Business.

Wednesday Afternoon Auxiliary.

State of Churches 1:30-2:30.
Biblical Recorder 2:30-3.
Sunday Schools 3-3:30.
Woman's Work 3:30-4.

Wednesday Evening.

Devotional exercises 7:30-8.
Education.
Secondary Schools.
Christian Education.

Thursday Morning.

Missions.
State Missions 9:30-1015.
Home Missions 10:15-11.
Foreign Missions 11-11:45.

Thursday Afternoon.

Miscellaneous or Delayed Business.

This report was changed by substituting the Biblical Recorder for Minister's Relief, and the report was adopted.

Rev. C. J. Thompson, representing the Biblical Recorder, was recognized and spoke a few words to the body.

Rev. C. C. Myers, pastor of the local Presbyterian Church, was recognized.

Rev. J. P. Bennett, pastor of Chadwick-Thrift Churches, was given the hand of fellowship.

By order of the body, Brother Conrad was requested to report the proceedings of the Association to the city papers and the Biblical Recorder.

Rev. J. W. Snyder was asked to lead the devotional service tomorrow morning.

The Association adjourned with benediction by Rev. D. F. Helms.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Rev. J. W. Snyder led the opening service.
The Moderator called the Association to order.
The Journal was read, corrected and adopted.

was the special order and was discussed without a report. The report to come later. The subject was spoken to by W. A. Smith and R. D. Cross.

By request of Bro. J. F. Black, the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

was prepared by the Clerk.

Temperance is one of the great moral issues of the day. It is related to all the interests of the human race. Men in all the walks of life have been ruined by the baneful and unholy effects of intemperance. The liquor business is conducted on a large scale. Last year more than six billion pounds of foodstuffs were manufactured into this powerful and deadily poison. "The people cry for bread, but this traffic would give them worse than a stone." But this deadly business has seen its day. Twenty-six States have stabbed it to the heart. Many of the other States have so crippled it that it is only a question of time when it will die.

Alcohol is being repudiated by all that is good in society, and every safe business in the land has cut it out. The public conscience is being aroused. Cities and States with the Federal Government have joined hands in a mighty campaign against this business, and already it moves with unsteady step and has no certain abiding place.

We need now to create a healthy intelligent sentiment for law enforcement, and then, as good citizens see to it, that the officers enforce the law. There needs to be some preaching done along this line. Your committee would suggest that our pastors preach on this subject at least once a year and "put on the rousements."

It was ordered that Bro. C. J. Thompson discuss the Recorder and let the report come later. Brother Thompson presented a report which was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The Biblical Recorder accupies a most vital place in the life and work of North Carolina Baptists. It stands for all we believe, gives information on all we are trying to do, and furnishes helpful spiritual food for our people. It is also the source of appeal and inspiration to us in all the work and issues of the Kingdom.

Yet only about one in six of our Baptist people are getting our Baptist paper. Where there is no vision the people perish. In-

formation is essential to interest and enlistment in religious activities.

With a view to inform and equip our people for the best work of the Kingdom and in keeping with like action of other Associations of the State, we recommend that the pastors and deacons of each church of the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association secure at the earliest possible date a permanent Recorder Committee who will undertake to put and keep the Biblical Recorder in every family in their church.

The Orphanage was discussed by Bro. F. B. Hamrick, after which the following report was adopted as read by Rev. F. A. Bobbitt.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

With glad hearts we look back to 1885 when we followed the example of our Savior, and took little children in our arms to bless them. These thirty-two years of care for the fatherless has not only been an inspiration to our denomination, but has been bread cast upon the waters that has brought back more joy, and greater blessings to the supporters than to the supported.

During these years 1,759 children have been enrolled with 448 at Thomasville, and 57 at the Kennedy Home, the Macedonian cry for help is still fresh upon the lips of many needy children in the State. The past year was a triumphant one for the Orphanage.

During the year 93 were received and 85 were sent out from the institution well prepared for the duties and responsibilities of life.

During the year the health conditions among the children has been excellent, no death reported, and only one case of typhoid fever. The epidemic of measles which swept so near over the entire State was confined to one building at the Orphanage.

We should be grateful for the good management the Orphanage has received at the hands of its officers and trustees during these years. The grounds are well cared for, every house and yard being kept in a sanitary condition.

The moral atmosphere is of a high order, and its influence is felt where the orphan makes his home.

The church service and Sunday-school make it possible to teach and develop the spirit along with the body and mind.

The boys work the fields, make and mend their own shoes, and use the printing press, while the girls are being taught to sew and cook, thus training both hand and head.

The call is loud to our denomination to rally to the growing needs and increased number that each year adds to the Orphanage.

While the cost per month for the maintenance of each child

during the year ending June 15, 1916, was $9.09, it was $10.50 during the past year.

It will be necessary that our people remember the orphanage on Thanksgiving in a larger way this year than ever before. We hope they will make a very liberal offering, for it will be greatly needed.

The Orphanage is ours, and it can serve its best purpose only as we make it possible for it to do so.

Charity and Children is a very readable sheet, and a club of the paper should be in every Sunday-school. It will help those who read it. And, too, it is a very liberal contribtuor to the Orphanage. Its present subscription list of 17,796 should be increased. We wish great success to the Orphanage in every phase of its work.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. BOBBITT.

The following named brethren were recognized: Dr. W. L. Poteat, President of Wake Forest College, W. N. Johnson, Secretary of State Missions, Rev. J. F. Black, pastor at Kannapolis, Rev. G P. Abernethy. of the South Fork Association, A. Harkley of South Carolina, E. C. Snyder of the Union Association, J. G. Carroll of the Wingate High School and Pastor F. M. Huggins, of Belmont, N. C.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Pastor J. F. Black led in prayer. W. A. Smith read the report on the State of the Churches, and after remarks by Brethren W. A. Smith, J. W. Snyder, J. P. Bennett, R. D. Cross, the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Your Committee finds, in its rather incomplete investigation of the State churches, that the churches, with few exceptions, have fallen somewhat behind their reports of 1916. There were last year 468 baptisms against 262 this year. New members added last year, 943 against 578 this year. Foreign Missions last year $3,520.99 against $3,072.07 this year. Home Missions last year $2,484.34 against $1,645.70 this year. State Missions last year $1,487.87 against $1,517.97 this year. Orphanage last year $1,824.20 against $2,498.54 this year. This falling off is doubtless partly due to the fact that nine out of our 28 churches are at the present without pastors.

Your Committee regards the fact, that one-third of the

churches of our Association are now without pastors as a matter of grave concern.

We recommend that a strenous effort be made to form compact fields of these churches and that the strongest men available be secured to occupy them. To this end your committee recommends that at an early date a conference of the pastors and leading laymen of the Association be called into conference to consider this situation, with the earnest hope and honest effort to work out such a plan of co-operation as the above plan suggests.

W. A. SMITH, Com.

Brother Conrad made a plea for Thrift. The time was extended ten minutes and Rev. J. P. Bennett spoke, after which the whole matter was left to the Executive Committee for final action.

The Report on Sunday-schools was read and discussed by R. D. Cross and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

This report is confined to the sphere or place of the school in relation to the other services; for many seem not to know.

I. What is this place or sphere? If held to ist proper place, the Sunday-school would avoid the greatest amount of evil, and accomplish the greatest good. This is found in the three following passages of Scriptures: Matt. 4.23 it says, "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people." Mark 12:34, Jesus said to the Scribe who came to ask about the first and greatest commandment, and who when told, evinced such knowledge of the law, "Thou art not far from the Kingdom of Heaven." His knoweldge of the law had brought him nigh the Kingdom, but he was not in it. In Matt. 28:19-20, "After they have become disciples by faith, and been baptized, they are to be taught to obey all that he has commanded them, and lo, he will be with them to

This sphere is twofold or applies to two classes of people.

1. First this is to bring nigh to the Kingdom by abstract knowledge of the Word of God, or learning about God in theory, that he may be led to have the knowledge of experience. This not to bring into the Kingdom, which is to come by faith, but to bring nigh to the Kingdom. The knowledge in the Scribe which endorsed the words of Jesus, and said "God is one and to worship him with whole soul, mind and strength is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices brought him," but he had not trusted Jesus. The statement in regard to the ministry of Jesus is in proper order. He taught in the synagogues to

bring nigh, and then he preached the Gospel of Kingdom, told the story to stir the emotions and move the will; to lead them to exercise faith in Him as Messiah; and out of sympathy he healed all kinds of diseases.

2. In the second place, it is the business of the school to impart knowledge to all that have come into the Kingdom by faith, to nourish and strengthen the new faith that has been exercised in the preaching. Jesus says, after they have been discipled and baptized, "Teaching them to observe all that he has commanded them, and then he will be with them to the end." Here ought to be a specific course suited to all new converts, and they should be trained faithfully.

II. If this sphere were a conviction that holds like steels, some wonderful things would happen in our churches. Puting it where God intended it, it would avoid much evil. One of shrewdest schemes of the devil is to take a good thing and conjure with it. But if it is good, can it do harm? The good is often the greatest enemy to the best.

Being out of its place these two evils would be eliminated.

(1) The Sunday-school has taken the place of the preaching service in the average town or city church, if it has not in some cases become an active competitor with the church service; thus spoiling both. In many schools not one person in five remains for the preaching service. If to take the child home, keeps the parent from preaching, would it not be better for both to come to the preaching service? There is no conflict. Both services are needed, the preaching to lead to trust those brought nigh in the teaching, and inspire worship.

(2) The Sunday-school has been tried to be made an evangelizing agency; but it has failed, and will do it, for that is not its sphere. This is the work of the preching service, by God-called men.

2. If the school were held to its God-given sphere of bringing nigh by imparting knowledge, and the giving knowledge in the Kingdom, it could become effective. (1) It would settle the matter as to who should attend the school, and so instead of having it only for the children, it would be for these, and all unsaved to bring nigh, and a training school for the members, where the ideal would be to have the school much larger than the church membership, and not less by thirty-two per cent in the State, and eight in our Association.

(2) This would lead to proper grading, for there would be a specific object to be accomplished so definite means to that end would be used.

(3) This would make possible proper instruction of those in the Kingdom. An effort to have most of the members, and not only thirty-four per cent in the State, forty in our Association.

(4) This would demand and bring proper equipment, such as rooms, maps, charts, and proper literature.

(5) Teacher training would be demanded, which must be realized, before it will come.

(6) The teaching would include all the work of the Lord: so, temperance, missions and all else have its proper place.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. CROSS.

Mrs. J. D. Withers presented the Report on Woman's Work, which was discussed by G. V. Tilley, W. A. Smith, W. N. Johnson and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

As we review the year's work, we lift our hearts in gratitude for the progress made in all departments. There seems to be a general missionary awakening among our women. The past year has been characterized by advancement. We rejoice that all apportionments have been exceeded and a large increase made in gifts

The annual Associational meeting met with the Ninth Avenue Church, November 23, 1916, with the larges delegation in its history. Mrs. W. N. Jones, our State President, was with us at that meeting, who enthused our ladies with her messages of inspiration.

The semi-annual meeting was held with Stough Memorial Church in Apirl. This was a most wonderful meeting, only one day, but it was full to overflowing. At that meeting plans were maped for greater progress, which we hope will be adopted by this body. We had hoped ere now to have had a Traveling Library in circulation. These mission libraries are to carry into the homes the information which we feel so many mothers are unable to obtain in other ways, because of home duties. During the year, two new societies have been organized—and two re-organized. We trust these societies will mean much to the work of the Association and God's Kingdom. I have written 96 letters and postals. Sent out literatures and report blanks each quarter.

Amount reported, $3,129.11.

Financial aim for 1917-18, $33,000.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. D. WITHERS, Asso. Supt.

A communication from the Woman's Missionary Union of the Association was referred to the Executive Committee which was given power to act.

The Association adjourned till 7:30 p. m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

After a service of song and prayer Rev. S. W. Bennett presented the Report on Christian Education. Prof. Carrol spoke, specially for the Wingate High School, Dr. W. L. Poteat spoke to the report.

W. A. Smith moved that the report be so amended as to require twenty-five per cent of what the churches raise for Christian Education to be paid to the Wingate High School. It was so ordered.

Pledges for this object were taken as follows:

Charlotte, First	$200.00
Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial	100.00
Chralotte, Ninth Avenue	75.00
Charlotte, Allen St.	15.00
Charlotte, North	10.00
Concord, McGill St.	25.00
Concord, West Concord	15.00
Concord, First	25.00
Chadwick	10.00
Cornelius	10.00
Friendship	5.00
Howells	2.00
Independence Hill	5.00
Kannapolis	25.00
Mathews	25.00
Miami	2.00
Newells	2.00
Oak Grove	10.00
Thrift	10.00
Wilson Grove	5.00
Total	$576.00

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

No education is complete that is not Christian. As Baptists we need to consider much more seriously the educating of our own people than we have done in the past or even than we are doing in the present. God has given us a great host of

people in the cities and in the country. We are proud of the fact that we have all classes and conditions who have learned the simple message of New Testament religion. Our New Testament religion requires intelligence in the greatest degree.

Christian Education has for many years had a place on our Baptist programs, but not so large a place as it should have had; but in the last two years we have adopted new methods and a larger program in the interest of Education. Instead of a column in our reports for "Ministerial Education," and another for "Schools and Colleges," and still another for "The Seminary" it is hoped that the Associations will have only one column for education in their minutes, and head that "Christian Education."

North Carolina Baptists own fourteen high schools and three colleges, representing in money value, a little more than $1,500,000. Certainly we should cherish and nourish these, our centers of light. Our State Convention at its last session earnestly requested all our churches to fall in line with our larger program for education, and that every Baptist church endeavor to raise two-fifths as much for education as for State Missions; and that in order to reach our desired basis, that each church in each Association be asked to pledge, or that the amount be apportioned among the churches with a determination to raise the necessary amount.

Finally, it is urged that Baptists patronize their own institutions for the sake of their children, and that of their denomination.

Our contributions for Education should be sent as our Mission collections, to Walters Durham, at Raleigh.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. BENNETT.

The Association adjourned with benediction by Rev. D. M. Austin.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Pastor J. F. Black led devotional service.

It was ordered that the Clerk inform brethren who are to write reports for the next session, six weeks before the meeting of the body.

It was further ordered that the church clerks shall make out and sent their church letters to the Clerk of the Association two weeks before the meeting of the body, so that tabulated statements may be made out and printed for information of the delegates.

Rev. J. W. Suttle, of the King's Moutain Association, was welcomed to a seat.

Rev. J. E. McManaway, of the Home Board Evangelistic force, was recognized.

The regular order was taken up and the Report on State Missions read by Geo. V. Tilley. W. A. Hough presented the Report on Home Missions and Dr. Vines read the Report on Foreign Missions. These reports were discussed by W. N. Johnson and J. E. McManaway, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

It is not minimizing the importance of the other objects of the Baptist State Convention to say that State Missions is fundamental. The success of the other causes depends upon the success of State Missions. The tasks undertaken by our Baptist statesmen eighty years ago, showed great foresight, and was a worthy one. They had caught a vision that was more than a fanciful dream. Many of our strongest churches, in both town and country, were planted and nutured by the State Mission Board.

In North Carolina we have a homogenious people. We are the most American of all the States. This fact should move us to greater endeavors, for it is giving the gospel to our own kith and kin. Such a sentiment was not below the Apostle to the Gentiles. He exclaimed: "I could wish myself accursed from Christ, for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh."

We have wrought well in the past, but we have not yet worked ourselves out of a job. We are hardly keeping pace with the course of time, and the progress of events.

While we are 278,000 strong numerically, comprising forty-seven per cent of the Christians of the white population of the State, more than one-half of the people are not nominal Christians.

We have an ever increasing problem. Many of the people have moved from the country to the towns, and have left the country churches weakened. Many of those who have moved to town need to be trained, and helped to adjust themselves to their new environments. Our people are growing in liberality, but we are seeing things in a larger way, and the field of our activities is widening. As soon as we complete one task another rises before us, and this will continue until we possess the entire land.

Last year the Baptists of the State raised $54,853.50, including the sum raised for Associational Missions. Our share in this was $1,487.87. All our churches contributed to this but four. Two years ago all contributed to this cause except

one. We have increased our contributions this year about $20,000.

A report cannot fully report the results. The following are the results in part: 319 churches were aided in supporting their pastors; 116 out-stations were provided for 3,487 conversions; 2,211 baptisms; 41 churches aided in building; and 7 churches organized.

This year the work in the State is laid out on the basis of $47,500 exclusive of $2,750 for Sunday School Missions, and also Associational Missions. A large part of this must be secured during the few days just preceeding the meeting of the Convention. The Board meets its obligations monthly, and it follows that interest on borrowed money is quite an item. A plan of systematic giving upon the part of the churches would remedy this, and save our Secretary from an indeseriable strain during the last few weeks of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. V. TILLEY.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Georgia, has the distinction of reporting yearly more converts and baptisms through the work of its missionaries than have ever been reported by another Home Mission Board in America, though several of these expend more money than our Board does.

Our Board last year reported 37,724 baptisms, 22,945 of which were creditable directly to Home Missions, while the rest were creditable to co-operative agencies. Last year the total receipts of the Board for all objects were $474,792, while the administrative costs were $22,638, or only 4.7 per cent. This suggests great economy in administration. While we applaud a wise economy, we must not forget that efficiency in secular business has nearly always required considerably larger administrative costs than this.

Our Board must not only wisely expend money; it must aid in nurturing and instructing the sources of its supply, which are among nearly 3,000,000 Baptists, most of whom belong to churches with only once-a-month preaching by absentee pastors. To do this service with any real effectiveness will necessitate some expense . We would encourage our Board in incurring expenses required for efficiency.

The great world war is a challenge to every moral and spiritual resource in America. Hundreds of thousands of homes will experience a new soul-hunger, a new sense of need, in the giving of their sons to fight in the nation's armies for justice and democracy. The American farmer must feed the world. The farmer's church, already in need of inspiration and new methods that it may serve a new rural world, must be the center from which the farmer shall gain added understanding

and courage to do his part for God and for country. Southern Baptists must do their full share to save and to serve the religious needs of our American boys in the camps, and to protect them from the foul birds of prey that gather in the wake of every army.

Realizing that new and heavier burdens must in this crisis be borne by Baptists of the South in the Home Mission field, the Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans instructed the Board to pursue its work on the basis of an opportionment of $505,193, and the annual meeting of the Board in June planned the year's work on that basis. It is the first time Southern Baptists have undertaken to raise half a million for Home Missions, but the abounding needs and opportunities call for it. Our Baptist people are prosperous. They can enjoy their prosperity without moral deterioration only by serving God and country and men with their substance. Patriotism and true religion call us to a large support of Home Missions.

In Evangelism and Church Building and Enlistment, in Cuba and Panama and the Southern highlands, among foreigners and negroes and Indians, through co-operative missions in such needy States as New Mexico and Arkansas and Oklahoma and Louisiana and Florida, in cities and towns and counrty-side, our Board has a great work, and the pressing needs which grow out of the war are in addition.

We recommend—

1. That earnest prayer be made for the work of the Home Mission Board and that our pastors be asked to preach at least once during the year upon Home Missions.

2. That this Association approve of the action of the Southern Baptist Convention, which increases the apportionment for Home Missions by approximately 25 per cent, and put our apportionment at $2,700 for the present fiscal year.

3. That we apportion this amount among our churches and publish the apportionment in our minutes.

4. That our churches be encouraged to form mission study classes in "Baptist Missions in the South" and "Country Church in the South," the two unusually popular mission study books of the Home Board. Also that our churches should order and make a larger use of the full and interesting lot of tracts about each phase of the work of the Board. The tracts are free on application. The books are, each, cloth, 60 cents, paper, 40 cents. All orders for literature or books should be directed to Publicity Department, Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia. Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HOUGH.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Last year was the greatest year in Southern Baptist history of Foreign Mission achievment. A total of $961,970.48 was

raised, which included $180,000 debt, amount contributed to Judson Centennial and to current support. This is the greatest advance ever made by any demonination in the South in contributions to Foreign Missions in a single year. If Southern Baptists had raised $38,092.52 more, they would have reached the round million dollar mark!

The above record was made possible both by the large number who contributed and the large gifts of a few who recognized the extreme necessities of our Foreign Mission work.

The expenses of the work were reduced by nearly $10,000. 90.7 per cent of the money given was applied to the foreign field and only 9.3 per cent was required to meet all home expenditures.

6,347 converts were baptized, 12,930 students were enrolled in our schools, and missionary doctors treated 67,556 patients. We have at present 458 churches with 47,161 members. 115 of the churches are self-supporting. The members contributed last year $132,371.05.

There is immediate and urgent need of a large number of missionaries for evangelistic, medical, school and other departments of the work. To meet this need the Board was able to send out but twelve missionaries at its annual meeting. This number is not one-fourth of the number needed. Of the 458 churches most of them have inadequate houses of worship, and more than one-half of these have no houses at all.

Obeyed the wish of the Convention which met in New Orleans in May, the Board has been compelled to assume obligations which amount to $165,000 more than Southern Baptists contributed to current support last year, and this amount leaves more than $200,000 in urgent needs unprovided for.

On the foreign fields there is need for thirteen residences for missionaries; twelve school buildings or school equipments; five church buildings; four church building and loan funds; five hospital buildings and equipments, and six pieces of land to be devoted to various purposes.

The above list does not include all the specific needs concerning which importunate requests have been made to the Board, but it is of sufficient length to show how vast are our unmet needs.

States, Associations, churches and individuals are earnestly besought greatly to increase their contribuitons to this work in order to save it from the peril of growing obligations and enable the Board to enter new fields to which Providence has thrown the doors wide open and waving harvest invite us.

Some devoted friends are giving the Board Liberty Bonds which they purchased to help their country, and others are investing in the Board's Annuity Bonds which pay good dividends. Such examples are recommended to all our people.

The Apportionment Committee at the last session of the

Southern Baptist Convention asked for the sum of $594,000 for Foreign Missions for the coming year. Of this amount North Carolina is asked for $55,000.

The churches of this Association should endeavor to fully meet their share of this amount and increase their contributions to the cause over last year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM M. VINES.

The Association adjourned for dinner with the benediction by Bro. C. J. Thompson.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Ministerial Relief was the subject and was discussed by Brethren S. F. Conrad, W. A. Smith, W. A. Hough and W. N. Johnson, after which the Report on Ministerial Relief was prepared by Brother Conrad as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The care of our aged and infirm ministers who have given their lives for the work of the gospel appeals to us with peculiar force.

First, because of what we have received at their hands. They were the pioneers and foundation layers and made possible what we have now in our 280,000 white Baptists in North Carolina. They were men of conviction and preached a straight gospel and the whole truth without any variation or modification.

Second, because many of these pioneers sacrificed both time and means to plant the gospel in new fields. They preached in school houses, under brush arbors, rode miles and miles to fill appointments from which they received no remuneration.

The Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association ought to be heartily ashamed of the mere pittance it is giving to this cause. Last year only one church in Charlotte contributed to this work and only nine in all the Association and the whole amount contributed was $42.69. This year we have gone about ten dolars over these figures, which shows we are playing at this work. It is really a question why have a report on a work that the great majority of our churches ignore.

We ought "to put up or shut up." We would urge that every church designate a special time to make an offering for this object, and that each pastor urge their members to make an offering for it.

S. F. CONRAD.

The following is the Report of the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher:

Time: Tuesday after second Sunday in September, 1918. Place: West Concord Baptist Church. Preacher: Rev. F. A. Bobbitt. Alternate: Rev. W. A. Smith.

A. L. BYRD,
J. P. STROUP.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

We, the messengers of the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association, desire to express our hearty thanks to the membership of the North Charlotte Baptist Church and others contributing to our comfort and entertainment during the sessions of this body.

W. A. SMITH.

The Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention made the following report:

We nominate the following brethren as delegates to the Baptist State Convention: J. P. Bennett, J. F. Black and R. D. Carroll.

W. A. HOUGH,
W. L. HOUGH,
L. W. WALKER,
Committee.

The following is the Report of the Committee to Nominate the Executive Committee:

The Committee to Nominate the Executive Committee of the Association make the following report: L. R. Pruette, W. A. Smith, S. W. Bennett, J. J. Ezell, W. M. Vines.

FRED A. BOBBITT,
A. C. HERRING,
F. M. HUGGINS,
Committee.

The following is the Report of the Committee to Nominate Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention:

Your Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention nominate Revs. W. A. Smith and S. W. Bennett.

W. A. PARKER,
W. F. STEGALL,
R. J. BOYD,
Committee.

Rev. L. R. Pruette was elected to succeed himself as a member of the State Board of Missions.

It was ordered that the Executive Committee make a written report to the next session of the Association.

The body voted to allow the Clerk the usual fee of $25 for his service and have as many minutes printed as the balance of the fund will pay for.

The Association then adjourned by singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and prayer by Rev. Geo. V. Tilley.

REV. L. R. PRUETTE, Moderator.

REV. R. D. CARROLL, Clerk-Treasurer.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL

Church	Pastor and Post-Office	Clerk and Post-Office	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Gains			Losses			No. of Males	No. of Females	Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restor'tion	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Arlington		P. A. Williams, Allen	2	$ 3,500		6		6	8	3	92	112	204
Charlotte, First	W. M. Vines, Charlotte	C. N. Peeler, Charlotte	E. S.	100,000	68	78		68		3	546	896	1,442
" Pritch. Mem.	W. A. Smith, Charlotte	J. J. Ezell, Charlotte	E. S.	20,000	15	31	5	20	2	2	216	282	498
" 9th Avenue	L. R. Pruette, Charlotte	J. E. Miller, Charlotte	E. S.	30,000	42	59	3	36	17	2	231	462	693
" Allen Street	R. D. Carroll, Charlotte	O. L. DeYoung, Charlotte, R. 9	E. S.	20,000	5	17		20	2	3	142	204	346
" North		Paul Drummond, North Charlotte	E. S.	10,000	3	12		10	4		100	172	272
Chadwick	J. P. Bennett, Chadwick Station	S. M. Thomas, Charlotte, R. 5	E. S.	4,800	10	36	4	26		3	65	95	160
Cornelius	W. A. Hough, Cornelius	E. S. Parker, Cornelius	E. S.	3,500		6		13			46	70	116
Clear Creek	J. A. Grubb, Salisbury	L. S. Pigg, Unionville, R. 1	4	1,000	6	4		2	1	1	52	65	117
Concord, First	G. V. Tilley, Concord	M. B. Sherrin, Concord	E. S.	12,000	4	19		18		2	84	158	242
" McGill Street	S. W. Bennett, Concord	H. G. Blackwelder, Concord	E. S.	8,000	13	22	1	18	7	5	153	224	377
" West	D. F. Helms, Concord, R. 6	G. W. Miller, Concord, R. 6	E. S.	4,500	6	15		9	3	5	108	192	300
Friendship	F. M. Huggins, Belmont	S. Q. Garrison, Charlotte, R. 11	2 & 4	1,000	4			3			13	26	39
Huntersville	W. A. Hough, Cornelius	S. L. Mullen, Huntersville	1 & 3	500	15	6		2			22	36	58
Howell's	J. S. Harris, Oakboro	A. J. Garmon, Concord, R. 7	4	900	2			1	1	1	34	51	85
Hopewell	W. A. Hough, Cornelius	H. D. Winecoff, Huntersville	1 & 3	1,500	3	1		6		1	24	28	52
Independence		C. S. Davis, Charlotte, R. 7	2 & 4	1,800							40	52	92
Kannapolis	J. F. Black, Kannapolis	W. Davis, Kannapolis	E. S.	12,000	65	94				3			600
Matthews	D. M. Austin, Charlotte	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	2 & 4	6,000		1		3			47	66	113
Miami	J. W. Snyder, Concord	Mrs. Rosa Bost, Bost Mill	2	1,000							12	17	29
Newell's	J. W. Snyder, Concord	A. B. Jardon, Derita	1	1,200		2		5			11	19	30
Oak Grove	F. A. Bobbitt, Pineville	M. A. Edwards, Jr., Pineville	1 & 3	1,500	7	2		2		2	33	55	88
*Pleasant Plains		J. E. Broom, Matthews		1,500									107
Rockwell		G. E. Sweet, Mooresville	2 & 4	1,500	1			10			23	31	54
Stough Memorial	F. A. Bobbitt, Pineville	W. L. Moore, Pineville	2 & 4	2,000	2	2		5		1	55	85	140
Thrift	J. P. Bennett, Chadwick Station	E. D. Selvey, Paw Creek	E. S.	5,500	8	21		19			47	90	137
Union Grove		J. L. Noket, Huntersville, R. 22	1 & 3	850	5						26	35	61
Wilson's Grove	J. H. Spaulding, Allen	T. E. Pigg, Charlotte, R. 9	1 & 3	2,000	20	4	3				49	95	189
Total				260,000	304	438	16	322	45	37	2,271	3,618	5,889

* Last year's report.

TABLE II—FINANCIAL

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	Total
Arlington	$ 200 00	$	$ 6 00	$ 13 11	$ 5 05	$ 2 00	$	$ 10 00	$ 10 00	$ 10 00	$	$ 10 00	$	$	$	$	$ 266 16
Charlotte, First	4,000 00	432 71	1,680 73	663 19	1,076 50	10 00	.....	780 19	912 85	1,465 21	100 00	1,385 00	229 25	.....	.....	13952 70	26,889 23
" Pritchard Mem.	2,000 00	642 00	772 08	123 92	163 80	5 00	.....	242 92	365 39	961 50	5 00	341 53	100 00	10 00	376 00	200 00	6,346 34
" 9th Avenue	1,800 00	1,530 75	549 43	174 90	42 72	5 00	10 00	84 09	93 30	341 22	.....	180 06	89 87	.....	.....	196 98	5,098 32
" Allen Street	1,000 00	1,685 12	88 49	100 00	50 00	3 00	.....	23 55	20 25	15 00	.....	50 00	15 00	.....	10 00	198 00	3,193 41
" North	637 75	682 11	186 42	112 44	11 20	.....	.....	10 14	6 21	10 87	.....	9 51	6 03	.....	.....	68 40	1,741 08
Chadwick	234 67	345 07	64 44	103 00	.....	2 00	.....	48 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	797 93
Cornelius	325 00	.....	15 00	23 01	23 50	2 00	.....	30 00	10 00	16 00	.....	25 96	4 50	.....	3 16	15 00	493 73
Clear Creek	145 00	.....	.....	6 00	15 00	1 50	.....	10 00	5 00	5 00	.....	10 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	198 50
Concord, First	1,500 00	526 21	343 59	145 22	.....	2 00	.....	66 50	59 92	78 60	3 40	45 40	.....	.....	.....	65 50	2,836 84
" McGill Street	1,300 00	514 00	301 87	84 40	47 72	2 70	.....	62 35	71 70	55 85	11 50	144 18	25 00	10 00	14 00	82 94	2,715 02
" West	600 00	400 00	147 65	30 81	.....	3 00	.....	32 14	11 50	15 00	.....	33 81	2 06	.....	.....	53 79	1,326 76
Friendship	125 00	88 00	18 46	19 80	.....	2 00	.....	23 13	15 40	18 05	.....	13 22	3 85	5 85	.....	8 32	333 08
Huntersville	75 00	.....	5 00	20 00	10 00	.....	.....	5 00	2 50	4 00	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	133 50
Howell's	125 00	.....	50 00	12 00	25 00	1 00	.....	4 00	4 00	4 00	.....	8 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....	212 00
Hopewell	140 00	9 00	5 00	8 25	25 00	1 05	.....	13 00	4 79	6 95	.....	8 68	4 78	.....	.....	28 15	234 85
Independence Hill	200 00	80	.....	13 68	.....	2 00	.....	8 09	2 82	5 00	.....	18 16	.....	70	.....	20 80	270 05
Kannapolis	1,200 00	2,178 71	49 54	75 00	19 40	5 00	.....	12 30	15 00	23 85	5 00	78 40	5 00	5 00	.....	123 61	3,790 81
Matthews	360 00	25 00	30 00	16 00	.....	3 00	.....	25 00	20 00	20 00	5 00	24 95	.....	.....	.....	27 50	556 45
Miami	60 00	25 00	6 00	6 00	.....	1 00	.....	2 50	2 75	2 75	.....	3 00	1 00	1 00	.....	2 50	113 50
Newell's	75 00	16 00	14 32	5 00	.....	50	.....	1 00	1 09	1 00	.....	3 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	118 02
Oak Grove	300 00	.....	56 67	33 46	.....	2 00	.....	19 40	21 02	13 82	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 25	.....	466 47
*Pleasant Plains	250 00	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rockwell	137 00	48 00	15 00	23 09	20 00	1 25	.....	11 00	2 00	6 55	3 00	19 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	287 80
Stough Memorial	397 00	835 00	175 00	100 00	.....	2 00	.....	5 35	9 85	2 45	.....	35 00	.....	.....	3 00	18 55	1,335 00
Thrift	500 00	194 26	71 81	80 09	.....	2 00	.....	5 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	41 14	1 00	1 00	.....	163 97	1,069 97
Union Grove	150 00	50 00	.....	3 68	.....	1 50	.....	2 00	1 50	1 50	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	213 18
Wilson's Grove	150 00	.....	28 20	.....	.....	1 00	.....	6 35	.....	6 00	1 00	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	196 05
Total	17,786 42	10205 74	4589 78	2003 96	1534 89	63 50	10 00	1,563 75	1,673 75	3,093 17	137 90	2,503 50	489 34	34 55	416 41	15225 51	61,736 85

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TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Church	Superintendent and Post Office	Secretary and Post Office	No. Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in Sunday School	Mos. Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Arlington	F. M. Hinson, Allen	Z. S. Walters, Allen	1	8	75	83		12		$ 13 11	$	$ 10 00	$	$ 23 11
Charlotte, First	T. S. Franklin, Charlotte	E. B. Howell, Charlotte	2	45	1,200	1,245	800	12	48	663 19		1025 08		1688 27
" Pritch. Mem.	A. C. Porter, Charlotte	F. D. Lethco, Charlotte	1	21	330	351		12		123 92	190 38	286 18	73 50	673 98
" 9th Avenue	J. W. Fite, Charlotte	J. M. Patterson, Charlotte	1	18	475	493	270	12		174 90	30 00	120 06		324 96
" Allen Street	J. M. Hill, Charlotte	G. D. Carroll, Charlotte	1	17	300	317	150	12	4	100 00		50 90	50 00	200 00
" North	S. Rouse, North Charlotte	W. L. Hope, North Charlotte	1	12	275	287		12		112 44	41 80	55 00	32 63	187 42
Chadwick	C. W. Parratt, Chad. Stat'n	Mrs. L. Caton, Char. Chad. St'n	1	17	280	297	75	12	4	103 00	4 20	11 54	30 67	149 41
Cornelius	R. D. Mooney, Davidson	W. L. Hough, Davidson, R. 2	1	9	125	134	60	12		23 01	46 45	25 96	23 31	97 73
Clear Creek	H. W. Pigg, Unionville, R. 1	B. Mullis, Allen, R. 1	1	6	90	96	65	11	5	10 00				10 00
Concord, First	S. W. Preslar, Concord	Colon Ballard, Concord	1	16	185	201	75	12	1	145 22	13 82	45 40	6 40	211 84
" McGill Street	I. P. Shankle, Concord	F. A. Millsapps, Concord	1	15	278	293	150	12	10	84 40	22 66	140 72		247 78
" West	W. F. Stegall, Concord, R. 6	R. P. Hill, Concord, R. 6	1	14	186	200		12		30 81	32 14	13 81	53 79	130 55
Friendship	A. C. Fisher, Charlotte, R. 4	L. W. Walker, Charlotte, R. 4	1	5	18	23	14	12	4	11 80		5 00	2 50	19 30
Huntersville														
Howell's	E. L. Bost, Cabarrus, R. 1	A. J. Garrison, Concord, R. 7	1	6	55	61	27	12		12 00				12 00
Hopewell	W. F. Sweet. Cornelius	Miss Pearl Sweet, Cornelius	1	7	100	107	50	12	2	8 25	13 00	8 68	10 00	39 93
Independence Hill	E. H. Stinson, Derita, R. 13	C. S. Davis, Charlotte, R. 7	1	10	66	76		12		13 68	3 82	6 91	10 80	35 21
Kannapolis	J. C. Funderburk, Kannapolis	E. M. Spry, Kannapolis	1	15	608	624	300	12	40	76 53	5 00	59 12	20 45	168 55
Matthews	J. W. Phillips, Matthews	Jesse Boyd, Matthews	1	9	91	100	60	12		25 00			20 00	57 00
Miami	J. M. Auten, Bost Mill	Mrs. F. Petra, Concord, R. 5	1	6	40	46	15	12		6 00			2 50	8 50
Newell's	A. B. Jordan, Derita	L. W. Austin, Newell's	1	5	33	38	15	9		5 00		3 00		8 00
Oak Grove	W. E. Smith, Pineville	Miss L. Blackwelder, Ft. Mi. S.C.	1	7	63	70	63	12	1	38 46				38 46
* Pleasant Plains	J. E. Broom, Matthews		1											
Rockwell	G. E. Sweet, Mooresville	B. Sweet, Mooresville	1	8	93	101	50	12	1	23 00	18 05	19 00		60 05
Stough Memorial	W. M. James. Pineville	W. Bell, Pineville	1	9	105	114	65	12		10 00	5 00	32 00		47 00
Thrift	J. E. Chronester, Paw Creek	E. E. Kendrick, Paw Creek	1	7	112	119	40	12	3	80 09		37 09		117 18
Union Grove														
Wilson's Grove	T. E. Pigg, Charlotte, R. 9	Myrtle Mungo, Allen	2	16	125	141	70	12	19	22 41	3 40			26 31
Total			28	308	4318	5627	2413		142	1916 22	426 64	1952 75	377 60	4405 66

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Church	Name of Organization	President and Post-Office	No. of Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Boards	Training Schools	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Arlington				$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Charlotte, First	W. M. S.	Mrs. T. S. Franklin, Charlotte	145	300 00	675 00	675 00		50 00	25 00	1725 00
	Y. W. A.	Miss Sara Holland, Charlotte		68 75	76 00	118 35		17 25	4 00	284 35
	Sunbeams	Mrs. W. D. Sloan, Charlotte	25						3 94	3 94
	Lottie Moon, Y. W. A.	Margaret Rucker, Charlotte							100 00	100 00
	Girl's Auxiliary	Mrs. W. M. Vines, Charlotte			12 00			15 00		27 00
Charlotte, Pritch. Mem.	W. M. S.	Mrs. F. D. Lethco, Charlotte	35	65 00	86 00	123 00		50 00		324 00
	Y. W. A., Senior	Mrs. W. A. Smith, Charlotte		9 75	14 50	16 00		11 00		51 25
	Y. W. A., Junior	Miss Gay Willis, Charlotte		13 50	16 00			15 00		69 00
	R. A.	Edgar McCorkle, Charlotte								
Charlotte, 9th Avenue	W. M. S.	Mrs. L. R. Pruette, Charlotte	68	30 60	27 00	32 30		40 60	4 00	134 50
	Y. W. A.	Mrs. Mamie Duncan, Charlotte	9	2 20		5 45		6 00		13 65
	Sunbeams	Louise Young, Charlotte		75	4 00	5 47		4 52		14 24
Charlotte, Allen Street	W. M. S.	Mrs. R. D. Carroll, Charlotte	11	20 00	8 60	15 00		10 00		53 60
	Sunbeams	Mrs. M. B. Lomax, Charlotte	41	3 55	11 65	3 00				18 20
Chadwick	W. M. S.	Mrs. C. A. Shoaf, Chadwick Station	30					5 00	8 00	13 00
	Y. W. A.	Miss M. Phillips, Chadwick Station	20					2 00		2 00
	Sunbeams	Mrs. J. W. Parker, Charlotte, R. 5	25			2 00				2 00
Cornelius	W. M. S.	Mrs. L. C. Griffin, Cornelius	15	3 50	4 05	4 00		3 76		15 31
	Sunbeams	Miss Bertie Brown, Cornelius	10							
Concord, First	W. M. S.	Mrs. W. A. Stribbling, Concord	30	20 00	20 00	27 00		10 00	3 50	81 00
	Sunbeams	Mrs. W. A. Stribbling Concord	35	1 50	1 50	2 00				5 00
Concord, McGill Street	W. M. S.	Mrs. M. Propst, Concord	20	15 00	20 00	16 00		10 00		61 00
	Y. W. A.	Mrs. D. A. Kearns, Concord	15	5 00	4 50	7 25		4 00		20 75
	Sunbeams	Mrs. W. T. Mills, Concord	20	3 50	3 00	3 00			5 50	15 00
	R. A.	Mrs. W. T. Mills, Concord	10	1 50	1 50	2 00				5 00
Friendship	Y. W. A.	Mrs. L. D. Price, Charlotte, R. 4		3 75	4 80	8 75				16 60
	Sunbeams	Miss M. Mitchell, Charlotte, R. 4	20	1 38	60	90				2 78
Independence Hill	Sunbeams	Connie Baker, Derita, R. 13	17	95		1 00				1 95
Kannapolis	W. M. S.	Mrs. J. W. Johnson, Kannapolis	20	8 00	6 00	6 50		5 00		25 50
Matthews	W. M. S.	Mrs. G. W. Chanleen, Matthews	10	5 25	8 80				13 45	27 50
	Sunbeams	Mrs. T. L. Funderburk, Matthews	20							
Oak Grove	W. M. S.	Mrs. J. D. Withers, Charlotte	13	2 65	5 70	4 40				12 75
	Y. W. A.	Amy Garrison, Pineville		1 50	1 90	1 50				4 90
Stough Memorial	W. M. S.	Mrs. J. E. M. Davenport, Pineville	25	5 35	5 00	2 45		3 00	18 55	34 35
	Sunbeams	Miss Mary Cook, Pineville	60		4 85					4 85
Wilson's Grove	W. M. S.	Dellia Kisler, Charlotte, R. 9	10							
Huntersville	W. M. S.	Mrs. W. B. Blythe, Huntersville	12							
Charlotte, First	B. Y. P. U.	Miss Attie Wier, Charlotte	100						100 00	
" 9th Avenue	B. Y. P. U.	Miss Emily Boyd, Charlotte								
" Allen Street	B. Y. P. U.	C. B. Phifer, Charlotte	50							
Chadwick	B. Y. P. U.	W. G. Cathey, Charlotte	40						5 00	
Concord, McGill Street	B. Y. P. U.	Wm. Herring, Concord	19						12 94	
Friendship	B. Y. P. U.	Miss M. Mitchell, Charlotte, R. 4	15							
Oak Grove	B. Y. P. U.	T. M. Blackwelder, Fort Mills, S. C.							4 59	
Thrift	B. Y. P. U.	M. S. Gaffney, Paw Creek	18							
Total			893	592 90	1012 95	1082 32		262 13	304 47	2973 97

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BY-LAWS.

1. The Association shall be composed of the pastors and messengers from the churches of the Association.

Each church shall have three messengers for the first one hundred members or fraction thereof, and one for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof; provided that no church has more than ten messengers in addition to the pastor, who shall be an ex officio messenger.

2. Daily sessions of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Delegates shall be recognized by letters from their churches designating them as such.

4. The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers or delegates of newly received churches by extending to them his right hand of fellowship.

5. The Clerk shall provide blank letters for the use of the churches of the Association, previous to the meeting of the Association, superintend the publication and distribution of the Minutes, preserve a file of them and have it present at each annual session, read the proceedings of the preceding session at the beginning of each morning session, and the last day's proceedings at the close of the annual session.

6. Members desiring to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator; shall use the term "brother" in speaking to each other; shall not speak on the same subject more than twice without permission, and shall observe the courtesy that becomes Christians.

7. Members are requested not to absent themselves from the sessions of the Association, but to remain to the end of the meeting.

8. A copy of the Minutes shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Mission Board, also a copy to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one to the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa., and one to the Field Secretary for Sunday Schools in North Carolina.

9. All questions of order not herein provided shall be decided by "Parliamentary Law."

10. The report of the Executive Board and the mission work of the Association, with short reports from the missionaries, shall take precedence of all other business during the morning session of the second day of the annual session.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

11. The general order of business shall be:
    (1) Enrollment of Delegates.
    (2) Election of Officers.
    (3) Petitionary Letters.
    (4) Appointment of Committees for this Session.
    (5) Appointment of Standing Committees.
    (6) Reports of Special Committees.
(7) Reports of Standing Committees.
    (8) Reports of other Committees.
    (9) Miscellaneous Business.

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Austin, D. M. ---------- Charlotte, N. C.
Adams, J. Q. ----------Charlotte, N. C.
Bennett, S. W. ----------Concord, N. C.
Black, J. F. ----------Kannapolis, N. C.
Conrad, S. F. ----------Charlotte, N. C.
Carroll, R. D. ----------Charlotte, N. C.
Cashwell, T. L. ----------Cornelius, N. C.
Davenport, J. E. M. ----------Pineville, N. C.
Helms, D. F. ----------Concord, N. C.
Huggins, F. M. ----------Belmont, N. C.
Hicks, P. A. ----------Chadwick Station, Charlotte, N. C.
King, H. B. ----------Matthews, N. C.
Little, Luther, D. D. ----------Charlotte, N. C.
Little, J. W. ----------Charlotte, N. C.
Moose, J. D. ----------North Charlotte, N. C.
Martin, C. H. ----------Polkton, N. C.
Pruette, L. R. ----------Charlotte, N. C.
Praether, F. L. ----------Concord, N. C.
Phillip, T. B. ----------Charlotte, N. C.
Snyder, J. W. ----------Concord, N. C.
Smith, W. A. ----------Charlotte, N. C.
Tilley, George V. ----------Concord, N. C.

DELEGATES.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—R. D. Carroll, D. W. Fink, J. J. Ezzell.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—Luther Little, D.D., and Rev. George V. Tilley.

Executive Board of the Association—L. R. Pruiett, W. A. Smith, Luther Little, D. D., J. J. Ezzell, S. W. Bennett.

Member of State Board of Missions—L. R. Pruett.

To write reports for next Session:
State Missions—J. F. Black.
Home Missions—Luther Little, D. D.
Foreign Missions—W. A. Smith.
Christian Education—George V. Tilley.
Sunday Schools—D. W. Fink.
Orphanage—S. W. Bennett.
Periodicals—T. L. Cashwell.
Temperance—S. F. Conrad.
Ministerial Relief—D. F. Helms.
Woman's Work—Mrs. J. D. Withers.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES.

Arlington—G. W. Gray, Milas Medlin.

Charlotte, First—Luther Little, Mrs. B. F. Withers.

Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial—J. J. Ezzell, W. F. Dowd, A. B. Hayes, Mrs. W. A. Smith, W. A. Smith.

Charlotte, Ninth Avenue—D. W. Fink, W. R. Boyd, Mrs. L. R. Pruett, L. R. Pruett.

Charlotte, Allen Street—J. A. Williams, Mrs. J. A. Williams, S. A. Helms, George D. Carroll, C. B. Phifer, Mrs. C. B. Phifer, S. F. Lomax, J. M. Hill, J. W. Watkins, W. E. McKinnon, Miss Dora Williams, Miss Lois Williams, J. W. Little, R. D. Carroll, J. E. Griffin, C. P. McAlpine.

Charlotte, North—E. F. Skidmore, W. G. Cathy, Sidney Rouse.

Concord, First—T. D. Maness, H. C. Herring, R. P. Lentze, F. L. Praether, W. M. Corzine, G. T. Barnhardt, G. V. Tilley.

Concord, McGill Street—I. P. Shankle, F. Propst, E. Crouch, C. E. Herring, J. L. Jones, Miss Letha Bruton, Mrs. D. A. Kearns, Mrs. W. G. Mills, Mrs. S. W. Bennett, Rev. S. W. Bennett.

Concord, West—G. W. Miller, A. D. Criscoe, W. F. Stegall, L. A. Talbirt, D. M. Lefler, Mrs. D. F. Helms, Rev. D. F. Helms.

Cornelius—W. F. Sweet, W. L. Hough.

Chadwick—S. L. Wentz.

Friendship—L. W. Walker, S. Q. Garrison, Miss Nannie Walker.

Hopewell—G. W. Gurley, H. D. Winecoff.

Huntersville—J. H. Walters.

Howells—W. N. McCurdy, W. A. McCurdy, D. W. Stowe, M. L. Little.

Independence Hill—E. H. Stinson, M. C. Groves.
Kannapolis—J. F. Black, J. Connell, J. W. Fisher, W. H. Gilland, C. H. White, J. M. Austin.
Miami—J. M. Austin, J. Z. Perry, J. H. Shelton.
Matthews—By letter.
Newells—A. B. Jordan.
Oak Grove—J. P. Stroup, Miss Nannie Stroup, Miss Winnie Stroup, M. A. Edwards, Mrs. M. A. Edwards, Mrs. J. D. Withers.
Pleasant Plains—L. L. Paxton.
Plunket—D. M. McDonald, G. M. Green, G. Rhinehardt.
Rockwell—G. Caldwell, M. Caldwell, G. E. Sweet, T. A. Jones, T. S. Jones.
Stough Memorial—By letter.
Thrift—Not represented.
Union Grove—Not represented.
Wilson's Grove—T. E. Pigg, W. T. Mullis.
Water Oak—G. W. Henry, Adam Honeycutt, Luther Honeycutt.

PROCEEDINGS

The Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Baptist Association met in its thirty-third annual session with the West Concord Baptist Church at 8:30 p. m. Tuesday, September 10, 1918.

After a song service conducted by Pastor D. F. Helms, W. A. Smith led in prayer and Dr. Luther Little read the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. S. W. Jones, Texas, sang a solo. Selecting for his subject "The Victories of Faith," Dr. Little preached the introductory sermon and led the Association in prayer.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" was sung, and L. R. Pruett, Moderator of the last session, called the Association to order. Letters were called for and delegates enrolled as follows: *See list of churches and their delegates.*

D. F. Helms, J. J. Ezell, and D. W. Fink were appointed a committee on order of business.

Brother Pruett declined to serve longer as Moderator and W. A. Smith nominated T. D. Maness for Moderator and he was unanimously elected.

At the request of the Moderator, Pastor Tilley conducted Brother Maness to the chair.

R. D. Carroll was elected to succeed himself as Clerk and Treasurer of the Association.

W. A. Smith, George V. Tilley, and D. W. Fink were appointed a Committee on Petitionary Letters.

The Committee on Order of Business reported as follows.

Wednesday.

9:30 a. m.—Devotional Service.
10:00 a. m.—Periodicals.
10:30 a. m.—Orphanage.
11:15 a. m.—Christian Education.
12 m.—Dinner.
2:00 p. m.—Woman's Work.
2:30 p. m.—Report on Sunday Schools.
3:00 p. m.—Report of the Executive Committee.
3:30 p. m.—Report on State of the Churches.
8:30 p. m.—State Missions.

Thursday.

9:30 a. m.—Devotional Service.
10:00 a. m.—Home Missions.
10:30 a. m.—Foreign Missions.
11:00 a. m.—Temperance.
11:30 a. m.—Ministerial Relief.
12 m.—Miscellaneous business and adjournment.

Revs. C. B. Austin, C. S. Cashwell, and L. D. Ballard, of the South Yadkin Association, and Rev. W. R. Beach, of the Kings Mountain Association, representing the Biblical Recorder, were welcomed to seats in the body, as was Brother S. W. Jones, of Texas.

Brother W. A. Smith introduced Dr. Little, pastor of the First Church of Charlotte, to the Association and Dr. Little made a most happy response.

L. R. Pruett, S. W. Bennett, and R. D. Carroll were appointed a committee to name brethren to write reports for this session in place of those who have gone from the Association since they were appointed last year.

The Moderator appointed Bro. J. D. Moose to conduct the devotional service Wednesday morning.

The Association adjourned with benediction by Brother Pruett.

Wednesday—Morning Session.

Rev. J. D. Moose conducted devotional service.

The Moderator called the Association to order and the minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

Dr. W. R. Cullom, representing Christian Education, was recognized.

It was ordered that periodicals be taken up, and W. R. Beach read the report on the Biblical Recorder as follows:

The Biblical Recorder.

The Biblical Recorder has been the organ of the Baptist State Convention since its organization more than four-fifths of a century ago. It has sought through all these years to be true to its name and mission, and has fostered every cause that has meant the educational, moral, and spiritual welfare of the people.

It is the medium of communication and the great informing agency for our people, in thought and action.

It is highly important for our people to be informed in regard to the current news of the day through our secular papers; but if our work in the Kingdom of our Master is the most important thing we know anything about, and surely it is, we ought to be as well informed, or better informed, in those things that are of Kingdom importance than in secular affairs.

We have at present twelve thousand subscribers, and are making every possible effort to double this number, so that the paper's usefulness in the work may be greatly increased.

On account of the increased cost of paper and other things necessary, the price of the Recorder has necessarily been increased from $1.50 to $2.00. However, when compared with other things, the price is really less than it was five years ago.

Your committee would urge that all pastors and other readers do everything in their power to secure new subscribers and retain all who are now taking the paper.

W. R. BEACH, for Committee.

The report was discussed by Brother Beach and adopted.

Rev. T. L. Cashwell presented the report on the Orphanage, which was discussed by Editor Johnson of Charity and Children and adopted as follows:

Report on Orphanage.

In this great time of anxiety and uncertainty there comes to our door many opportunities for doing marvelous things. At every turn of the road we come face to face with an opportunity to put into practice the beautiful example of the Good Samaritan.

But through all this there still comes the call of the orphan.

We are grateful that the cry has reached our ears and that our hearts have been tuned to respond so faithfully in the past year. Never before have our people responded so liberally, and they did it without distressing appeals. The One Day's offering surpassed anything we have ever had, and we are looking for greater things this year.

The number of children at the Orphanage remains practically unchanged. There are now about 525 present. About 75 of these are at the Kennedy Home. Children are received between the ages of 2 and 12, and dismissed according to preparation rather than age. There were received during year 64.

The general health of the Orphanage has been excellent and the sanitary conditions are improving yearly.

It costs about $150 a year a support a child, not including building and repairs. The expense bill averages about $200 a

day. Two barrels of flour a day, three or four bushels of meal, a whole beef, when beef is used, and ten bushels of potatoes and other things accordingly.

The Orphanage is not self-supporting, but it has a great many resources of its own: 175 acres of the farm are in cultivation. A large part of it is devoted to trucking and raising feed for cattle. The boys do a large part of the work. A profit of $1,300 was realized from this. The dairy, with 35 Holstein milk cows giving 100 gallons of milk daily, yielded a profit of over $1,400.

Charity and Children, as its organ, is the strong arm of the institution. The business of the job department has been considerably increased. This yielded the neat sum of $6,000.

At the Kennedy Home three dormitories have been built and 75 children occupy them. During the lifetime of Mr. Kennedy the Orphanage pays a rental of $2,000 for the farm. After paying this rent the profit of the past year was $5,000.

Then we might turn our minds to the sewing room where 40 girls work daily, learning to make clothes for themselves.

The dining room, managed by two ladies and 45 girls, affords a splendid place for domestic science work.

The laundry force consists of about 40 girls; 8,000 pieces are handled each week.

The school work is on the graded system and embraces ten grades. Last year a business course was introduced.

The shoe shop turns out about 600 pairs of shoes annually. Each shoe goes back three times on an average for repairs.

The Orphanage is on an easier footing than ever before in its history, and as we think of the great achievements and the fact that there is no debt we are in danger of being lulled to sleep. But God forbid!

The call is more urgent than ever before. As high as 50 applications are made in one month for homes by the homeless. The largest part of these are denied because of lack of room. The cost of maintenance has advanced over 60 per cent, and the end is not yet. The Orphanage is caring for 40 children from our Association at a cost of $5,840 a year. We contributed last year $2,500. Less than 45 per cent of the actual cost. Does this sound like resting?

We long to see a more general reading of Charity and Children in our churches and Sunday schools. We earnestly urge that every Sunday school donate one Sunday's offering each month to the Orphanage. We also urge that every pastor make a mighty appeal for one day's work at or near Thanksgiving. We request that larger numbers of our organized classes arrange to care for a child at the Orphanage themselves.

At times like this we look to the future with anxiety, but let us sound a word of warning. Amid the campaigns for Red Cross,

Liberty Bonds, and Y. M. C. A., let us not forget that there are hungry mouths to feed, naked backs to clothe, sweet voices to train, docile minds to teach, and future destinies to mold. Shall we do our part?

"In as much as ye do it unto the least of these, ye do it unto Me."

Respectfully submitted,

T. L. CASHWELL, for Committee.

Dr. Little read the report on Christian Education, which was spoken to by Dr. W. R. Cullom, as follows:

Report on Education.

Important message and greeting from the Executive Committee of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention to Mecklenburg-Cabarrus District Baptist Association.

Dear Friends:—We are instructed by our executive committee to write you as follows:

The action of the Southern Baptist Convention and the W. M. U. at the last session in Hot Springs, Arkansas, is generally believed to be epoch-making in our Baptist educational work.

We have at last realized that we are face to face with the necessity of sending more of our children to high schools, and on to college, or fail to do our part in furnishing leaders in church and State. The Convention endorsed a program calling for 35,000 students in our own schools and $15,000,000 for proper equipment in the next five years. Only by co-operative effort can this be done.

In addition to reaching our goal of 21 standard colleges in the South, we must give larger attention to our junior colleges and preparatory schools.

We have not furnished our quota of chaplains or Y. M. C. A. workers yet; already there is an alarming scarcity of pastors. We sadly need more trained workers, both in the pulpit and in the pew. For these we cannot depend on other than our Baptist schools.

President Wilson, Secretary of War Baker, and United States Commissioner Claxton, who are in position to know the war needs, urge that our schools and colleges be kept open and operating at full capacity in order that we may avoid the mistake made by England and France.

To the end that the home base may be strengthened and that righteousness and justice may be made first possible and then permanent in all the earth, your co-operation is desired to the extent of adopting the following as a part of your report on Christian Education.

1. We approve of the Southern Baptist Convention Five-Year Educational Program.

2. We pledge our co-operation and loyalty to the schools of our State Convention.

3. We urge Baptist parents to send their children to school in large numbers that we may furnish the necessary trained leaders in all war work, if the war must go on, and leaders in peace, when the war shall end.

4. We approve the plan of a debt-paying campaign in our Southern States where debts exist on Baptist school property. This campaign is to be had this fall in connection with the Liberty Loan drive by a plan that meets the favor of those in charge of the war work. Fraternally yours,

J. W. CAMMACK,
Secretary, Richmond, Va.
R. W. WEAVER,
Chairman, Nashville, Tenn.

In addition to the above we want to record:

1. That we are in hearty accord with the One-Million Dollar Campaign for our Baptist schools of North Carolina. We pledge Dr. R. T. Vann and his co-laborers our co-operation in this worthy and much needed movement.

2. That we endorse the acts of some of our schools in throwing open their doors to the Government for the training of the younger boys for military service.

3. That we promise to help maintain our ministerial students in their college and seminary work.

4. And above all do we reaffirm our deep conviction that Christian education as given by our Baptist people is necessary and of the highest order. LUTHER LITTLE, Chairman.

The Moderator named the following committees:

To nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention: L. R. Pruett, J. D. Moose, L. A. Talbirt.

Time, Place, and Preacher for Next Session: S. W. Bennett, S. Q. Garrison, J. E. Griffin.

To nominate delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: J. F. Black, D. M. Lefler, J. P. Stroup.

Adjourned with benediction by J. F. Black.

Wednesday—Afternoon Session.

Mrs. J. D. Withers read the report on Woman's Work, which was spoken to by Dr. Little, Mrs. W. A. Smith, L. R.

Pruett, W. A. Smith, Rev. J. W. Little, and adopted as follows:

Report on Woman's Work.

Another year of service in the Master's vineyard has passed, a year which we feel has been a triumphant one. As we review it and note the difficulties which have been overcome and the steady growth which has been maintained, we cannot but feel with humble gratitude that God has accepted our human plans and efforts with their many imperfections and given them His divine blessing. We have planted, He has given the increase, and our hearts are lifted up with the joy of service. The record of the year's work reminds us of Jesus when He said, "I was hungered and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in; I was in prison and ye came unto me." Blessed thought that in ministering unto the least of these, our Saviour accepts the service as unto Himself. Our report can give only a part of the work done. Much of it cannot be given in figures. In some societies practically every form of service helpful to the church and community is rendered. A new form of service has come to us, because of the awful war in which our country is engaged. Personal service and Red Cross service, many of our women give much time to the work of the Red Cross, making hospital supplies for the soldiers; comfort bags and boxes have been sent our soldiers in camp. Many garments have been knitted for them. Neither time nor money has been spared to make them comfortable. In Charlotte and also out in the country, women have invited soldiers to their churches and to their homes, entertained them socially at dinners, tried to mother them, thus throwing around them the best influences. They have visited them in the hospital in camp, cheering them with flowers and dainties. In fact, they have done everything possible to make them comfortable and happy. While the war continues not only will this work of providing for our soldiers be upon us, but the loved ones at home need to be given kindly thought, the cheering visits and often the helping hand. Our task is great. We can do all things through Him who strengtheneth us. Today we stand at the beginning of a new era in Mission history. There has come to all thinking people a realization that only the gospel of Christ can meet the great problems of reconstruction that will follow the close of the war; that we stand on the eve, not of retrenchment in Mission work, but at the beginning of a period of greater activity, larger conception of opportunity, greater service, and increased gifts. During the year some of our societies have gone forward along all lines of work, while other have fallen behind. Two new societies have been organized. We had hoped ere now

to have had a field worker in the Association to maintain these new organizations. Often we organize a society and never hear from it again. We have lost societies because of the lack of leaders.

Our Associational meeting was held with the church at Kannapolis with a good attendance from the societies. Miss Carroll, our State Secretary, was with us at that time. Her presence was of great help and inspiration. Letters written, 66; report blanks and other literature sent out every quarter. Amount reported, $3,083.16. Aim for 1918-1919, $3,500.

I feel that I cannot close this report without expressing my sincere appreciation and hearty thanks for every help and kindness shown me. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. D. WITHERS, Superintendent.

The following report on Sunday Schools was adopted after being read by J. F. Black and discussed by W. A. Smith:

Report on Sunday Schools.

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:19-20. Teaching is the main business of the church of Jesus Christ. Teaching must precede regeneration; teaching ought to follow after regeneration. When you baptize the untaught you baptize a sinner; when you cease to teach the baptized, you violate the order of the great commission. After people are saved and baptized, they are to be taught to observe all things whatsoever Jesus has commanded. In most of our churches the Sunday school is the only organized teaching force we have; therefore we recommend and urge that greater effort be put forth in all our churches to enlist more of the membership in the Sunday school, first to be taught themselves, that they in turn may become teachers of the Word.

J. F. BLACK.

Brother L. R. Pruett presented the report of the Executive Committee, and by order of the body Brother Tilley read the report on State of the Churches. These reports were discussed together by L. R. Pruett, W. A. Smith, J. W. Little, J. P. Stroup, J. F. Black, and D. F. Helms, and adopted as follows:

Report of the Executive Committee.

The Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association has been an important Mission field from its inception. All of the churches that are now self-sustaining in the Association were once the beneficiaries of the State and Home Boards, with the exception of three or four country churches. This assistance was not given in vain. These churches are strong, well equipped, and are a fine asset to the denomination and to the Kingdom of God. At this time the following fields are receiving aid from our State Mission Board:

1. **Pineville.** The Stough Memorial, at Pineville, and the Oak Grove churches are included in this field. An appropriation of $240 for the year was made to Brother F. A. Bobbitt as pastor, who has since resigned to accept a pastorate in another State. Brother Bobbitt did some splendid work and the outlook was very encouraging. This field is still without a pastor.

2. **Cornelius.** The churches at Cornelius, Rockwell, Hopewell, and at Huntersville compose this field. Brother Cashwell is the pastor,and he is receiving from the Board $144 for the year. The field is too large for one man to do his best work, but it was the only arrangement that could be made for the present time. We note with gladness the rapid progress now being made on this field, especially at Huntersville. A lot has been secured in a desirable location, and the next move will be a new house of worship.

3. **Thrift.** There was a field formed out of Thrift, Independence Hill, and Union Grove, with Brother P. E. Downs as pastor; but he did not remain on the field but a few weeks, owing to some throat trouble. If Brother Downs had taken the work continuously, a sufficient amount would have been furnished to have given him a living salary.

4. **Chadwick.** This church being located so near Camp Greene in which a large number of soldiers are being trained for service in the United States Army, the Northern Baptists and our Home Board, of Atlanta, agreed to add $400 to Brother J. P. Bennett's salary, making it possible for him to preach every Sunday morning and evening to the soldiers. This movement is in co-operation with our State Board and the Executive Committee. Brother Bennett has resigned and Brother P. A. Hicks has been called to take charge of this work. He has accepted and will soon be on the field.

5. **West Concord.** Brother D. F. Helms is the pastor, with an appropriation of $180 for the year. This church is located in a growing section of Concord, and the outlook for a strong and self-sustaining church in the near future is very promising.

6. **The Cabarrus County Field.** This field is composed of Miami, Plunket, and Water Oak, with Brother J. W. Snyder in

charge as pastor. The amount appropriated for this important field is $400. Cabarrus County outside of Concord and Kannapolis is largely barren as far as Baptists are concerned. Into these centers of population Baptists move, but they have to be made out in the country, and made by the preaching of the gospel as Baptists believe it and practice it. Your committee would emphasize some things that need to be done as follows:

1. That our churches form compact fields. This matter has been agitated for several years but very little has been accomplished. As long as we fail to do this thing, there will be pastorless churches in our Association. There are now six or seven churches without pastors.

2. That the mission pastors be encouraged to remain on the fields. This may be done by the Executive Committee and by the mission churches themselves. This means larger salaries and more efficient pastors. Our missionaries need to stay with us.

3. That the fields be kept together after they are once formed. Let the churches say to each other: "We then, as workers together with him." Co-operation is the spirit of the day, and co-operation on the part of the Baptist churches does not mean that Baptists lose their independence.

L. R. PRUETT,
Chairman, Executive Committee.

Report on State of the Churches.

Your committee finds, after hurried investigation of the letters, that churches have made some advancement as to some objects; but have gone backwards as to others. A slight increase was made in State Missions. An advance of $765 was made in Foreign Missions, and a decrease of $881 in Home Missions. The Orphanage still holds a great place in the hearts of our people, for they gave $3,799.93 this year, an increase of fifty per cent over last year. Education needs to be stressed in our churches. The churches raised $567 for this object; a small increase over last year. The Sunday School enrollment was 3,868, almost 33 per cent less than last year. Baptisms were 160. One year ago these churches reported 304 baptisms. The decrease of baptisms in connection with the decreased Sunday school attendance is significant.

Our fifth Sunday meetings have been carried on with difficulties. The attendance has been small.

The changing of pastors has necessitated pastorless periods of many of our churches, and has retarded the activities of these churches.

Our people have much to distract them during these times and need to remember that God still rules, and that Jesus Christ is the hope of the world. GEO. V. TILLEY.

W. F. Dowd, J. D. Moose, and D. F. Helms were named as a committee to nominate the Executive Committee of the Association.

The Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention reported as follows:

We nominate Dr. Luther Little and George V. Tilley.

J. F. BLACK,
D. M. LEFLER,
J. P. STROUP,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Petitionary Letters was presented as follows:

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of application for membership into this body of the Plunket Baptist Church and Water Oak Baptist Church report our endorsement of said applications and recommend their acceptance into this body.

G. V. TILLEY,
D. W. FINK,
W. A. SMITH,
Committee.

It was ordered that the report on the State of the Churches be made, next year, by the Executive Commitee in connection with their regular report.

The Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention presented the following report:

We nominate R. D. Carroll, D. W. Fink, and J. J. Ezell.

L. R. PRUETT,
J. D. MOORE,
L. A. TALBIRT,
Committee.

Association adjourned with benediction by Brother C. S. Cashwell.

Wednesday—Evening Session.

The Moderator announced the following to write reports for next session:

State Missions—J. F. Black.

Home Missions—Luther Little, D. D.
Foreign Missions—W. A. Smith.
Christian Education—George V. Tilley.
Orphanage—S. W. Bennett.
Sunday Schools—D. W. Fink.
Periodicals—T. L. Cashwell.
Temperance—S. F. Conrad.
Ministerial Relief—D. F. Helms.
Woman's Work—Mrs. J. D. Withers.

It was ordered that only the report on State Missions be read and discussed tonight.

Brother S. W. Bennett presented the report on State Missions, which was spoken to by Secretary W. N. Johnson and adopted as follows:

State Mission Report.

Our State Mission work has for its object the transforming of the people of North Carolina by the gospel of Jesus Christ. This phase of our work is directed by our Board of Missions at Raleigh. Our financial aim for State Missions this year is $50,000. The following is a partial record of our State Mission work this year: Churches served, 283; missionaries, 161; conversions, 2,851; baptisms, 1,765; houses of worship building, 37; houses of worship built, 11; churches organized, 14; pastoral conferences held, 133; every-member canvasses made, 178; number of sermons preached, 11,028; gave for Missions undesignated, $2,322.27; for State Missions, $5,812.28; for Home Missions, $2,542.28; for Foreign Missions, $2,929.77; for education, $1,190.94; for Sunday School Missions, $878.24; for ministerial relief, $613.82; for Orphanage, $5,995.79; other objects, $19,043.42; amount raised on pastors' salaries, $41,828.97.

Our State Mission work is divided into five regular departments: Evangelization, Church-building, Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U., and the Woman's Missionary Union. During the last two years we have added the Pastor's Schools and Colportage departments. The work of these last two cannot be tabulated, but their effect is manifest in the greatly increased contributions to Missions.

Now with our work so well organized, it only remains for us to be loyal to our leader and faithful to our individual tasks, and North Carolina will bring forth her fruit in her season and her leaf shall not wither. Respectfully submitted,

S. W. BENNETT.

The following resolution, presented by Secretary Johnson, were adopted as a supplement to the report on State Missions:

Resolved—

1. That the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association join heartily with our Board of Missions in securing 12,000 new subscribers to the Biblical Recorder and we undertake to get 250 of these in this Association; and that this Association apportion these to our churches at the rate of one new subscriber for every 20 members, and that the churches be notified of this apportionment by a message sent directly from this session of the Association.

2. That in order to reach our people who do not take the Recorder, we urge every church to take a club of the Bulletin published monthly by the Board of Missions at the rate of one dollar per dozen per year.

3. That we co-operate with the Board of Missions in the location and operation of a School of Pastors and Workers, these schools to be conducted uniformly and simultaneously throughout North Carolina each year for five years.

Rev. L. R. Pruett was elected to succeed himself as a member of the State Board of Missions.

Brother J. P. Stroup was appointed to conduct the devotional service tomorrow morning.

It was ordered that Home Missions be taken up first in the morning and that the balance of the program be followed as blocked out.

The Association adjourned with the benediction by Brother Bennett.

Thursday—Morning Session.

Brother J. P. Stroup led the devotional service.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee to nominate an Executive Committee reported as follows:

We nominate Rev. L. R. Pruett, W. A. Smith, Dr. Luther Little, J. J. Ezell, S. W. Bennett.

W. F. DOWD,
J. D. MOOSE,
D. F. HELMS,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher reported as follows:

Place, Rockwell Baptist Church; Time, Tuesday, 10 a. m., after the second Sunday in September, 1919; Preacher, R. D. Carroll; alternate, D. F. Helms.

The report on Home Missions was read and discussed by W. A. Smith. S. F. Conrad also spoke to the report, which was adopted as follows:

Report on Home Missions.

The report of the Home Mission Board at the last Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs was by far the best in the history of the Convention. The contributions to this object exceeded any previous year by nearly $200,000, the general receipts reaching the splendid sum of $567,506.72. If we include the amount received by the Church Extension Department, and the money received from all sources, the total amounts to $822,325.87.

The missionaries and workers employed by the Home Board for the past year were as follows: Missionaries (white), 1,154; missionaries (colored), 43; mountain school teachers and workers, 209; enlistment workers, 20; evangelists, 20; army service (camp pastors, etc.), 57.

As a partial result of the work of these laborers under the Board, 30,982 members were received into the churches by baptism and 20,567 by letter.

The work of the Home Board is carried on in the Southern States, Cuba, and Panama; but there is not space in this report for detailed account. There were 213 new churches constituted, 505 church houses built or repaired, and 634 Sunday schools organized. Our Home Missionaries supplied 5,074 churches and stations as pastor, receiving into these churches by baptism 20,308, by letter 18,286.

The evangelists of the Board had quite a successful year. There were 9,011 received into the churches by baptism, and 2,275 by letter as a partial result of their labors. Rev. W. W. Hamilton, who was the first Superintendent of Evangelism under the Home Board, has been again chosen to that position.

The Enlistment workers reported a good year's work. They formed 20 pastoral fields, conducted 20 association campaigns, and held 754 institutes.

The Church Extension Department of the Board received $82,951.06 in cash contributions and secured $214,110 in subscrip-

tions. This is one of the growing departments of our Home Mission work.

We now have under the auspices of the Board 36 mountain schools, 9 of which are located in North Carolina. These schools have a total teaching force of 209 and an enrollment of 5,190 students, 110 of whom are ministerial students. Our schools and colleges are suffering now from war conditions, as might be expected.

The work of the camp pastors for the past year was very gratifying. The Southern and Northern Baptist Conventions co-operated in this army service. It will take eternity to reveal the great good done by these Baptist camp pastors during their stay in the camps. It is to be sorely regretted that the War Department has announced its purpose to eliminate the camp pastor. Urgent protests by the leaders of the different Protestant denominations have been presented to the War Department but so far it appears doubtful about the War Department rescinding its action.

The work of the Home Mission Board is growing every year. The important and extensive fields within the territory of the Board are indeed white unto harvest. The Board at the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention was instructed to project its work for the present year on a million-dollar basis. This means that the churches must increase their contributions to this object about 75 per cent above last year. North Carolina Baptists gave last year $35,554.37 to Home Missions. To make our pro rata increase it will be necessary for us to raise about $70,000 for this object this year. Shall we do it?

Your committee urges that the churches of our Association do their best to make the necessary increase to meet this great and growing demand for Home Missions. A copy of the Home and Foreign Field Magazine in every Baptist home will greatly assist in this effort.

Respectfully,

W. A. SMITH.

The following report on Foreign Missions was adopted as read and discussed by J. D. Moose:

Report on Foreign Missions.

The Southern Baptist Convention in session at Hot Springs in May decided that in order to take care of our Feoreign Mission work Southern Baptists should be requested to give one and a half million dollars to this cause before the next meeting of the Convention. Compared with Southern Baptist numbers and wealth and with what they are doing for other objects and what others are doing for Foreign Missions, this amount is small.

The Foreign Mission fields represent a thousand millions of

people, the most destitute and needy of all the inhabitants of the earth. The work conducted includes everything that our people and our churches are doing at home. A million and a half dollars for this work will not equal a tenth of what we are doing on the same lines for the thirty-odd millions who live in the South, to say nothing of the help which other Christians and denominations are giving to provide religious privileges for the people at home. A million and a half dollars is a great advance upon what we have been doing, and we will have to bestir ourselves to realize it, but it does not measure our full duty in this matter.

God's blessings are upon Foreign Missions. Even the war is helping instead of hindering this great enterprise which Southern Baptists are conducting. There were 6,290 baptisms last year. We have now 464 churches on all the fields, of which 141 have assumed self-support. We have a church membership above 53,000 with 715 Sunday schools enrolling more than 34,000 scholars. In other schools which we are conducting we have enrolled nearly 9,000 scholars. We are conducting theological schools in Japan, China, Africa, Italy, South America. We have but few doctors under appointment, and yet these gave more than 100,000 treatments last year. By His blessing upon the work God is inviting us to enlarge it.

Eighteen new missionaries were appointed in June and many others are greatly needed. Doors of opportunity are open everywhere.

Every pastor and every church in the Association is admonished to lay large plans, organize the forces, and press vigorously the greatest campaign we have ever undertaken for Foreign Missions. Every Christian in this Nation is at this time called distinctly to this international Christian service. This Association should undertake to raise a worthy part of the million and a half dollars, and every church should voluntarily increase its contribution proportionately. The amount of increase for the whole South is 75 per cent. We recommend that the churches of the Association attempt the same increase.

The Home and Foreign Fields, price 50 cents, is recommended to all church members. The Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., furnishes free of charge tracts for distribution. Order this magazine and these tracts, and inform yourself concerning what God is doing through Southern Baptists throughout the world.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. MOOSE.

Ministerial Relief was discussed by L. R. Pruett, after which the following report was adopted.

Report on Ministerial Relief.

It is written, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things."

It is a matter of common knowledge to our Baptist people that we have in our State a number of ministers, noble and true men, who have given their all to the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and that now they have no adequate means of comfortable support.

They have labored, and the denomination is now reaping the rich fruits of their labors.

Many of our good and substantial churches had their foundations laid by these men.

Now, when the winter of old age has come upon them, it is a matter of honest Christian duty on the part of our people that we properly care for them in their last days.

There are now about three dozen beneficiaries on the Board, and doubtless there are others who are too modest to let it be known that they need help that are just as worthy and needy as any who have been helped.

Only twelve churches of this Association made any contribution to this object this year, and the total amount reported is $56.52. This is to our shame. We should have done better.

Let it be resolved now that each church in this Association will make at least one contribution to Ministerial Relief this year.

Your committee would urge all our pastors to preach on "The Proper and Adequate Support of the Ministry" and take a liberal Christmas offering for this object this year.

R. D. CARROLL, for Committee.

Pastor D. F. Helms presented the report on Temperance as follows:

Report on Temperance.

The temperance and prohibition reform is making great headway these days, as medical science is teaching the people the poisonous effect of alcoholic liquors on mind and body. Many who have been using it are quitting, and boys are growing up free from the accursed habit. The prohibition question is before the people as never before and all signs point to an early extermination of the traffic in the United States. Many temperance organizations are at work to hasten this reform, and under the leadership of the Anti-Saloon League these as well as the various branches of the church are federated for this purpose. I am indebted to the superintendent of that organization, Rev. R. L. Davis, for the following facts: Twenty-eight States now enjoy State-wide prohibition; Ohio, Missouri, Wyoming, Minnesota,

Kentucky, and Florida will vote on the question in November. Thirteen of the thirty-five States have ratified the amendment to the Federal Constitution, and two-thirds of all the people of the Nation live in dry territory. The war has caused the leaders of our Nation, and not ours only, but the leaders of other nations, to consider this as never before in the history of the world.

There is another evil that deserves the attention of the Christian people at this time. I have reference to the soft drink evil.

I long to see the day when we will not only have a saloonless Nation, but we will have a soft-drinkless Nation.

We commend the Anti-Saloon League to our people as worthy of support and following, and we invite its speakers into our pulpits.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. HELMS.

The report was discussed by D. F. Helms, S. F. Conrad, J. W. Little, T. D. Maness, J. P. Stroup, and adopted.

Brother S. F. Conrad offered the following resolution, which was adopted by rising vote:

"Resolved, That our sincere thanks be given to this Church with its pastor and the good people of the community for their generous hospitality and the splendid entertainment given us during the sessions of this body.

It was ordered that the Clerk be allowed $25 for his services, and that he have as many Minutes printed as can be had for the balance of the Minute Funds.

The body directed the Executive Committee to furnish a digest of the Church Letters next year as a supplement to their regular report, and to put this supplement in such form that it can be displayed to the Association for general information.

By motion, the Association adjourned by singing "Blest Be the Tie," and the benediction by Brother Pruett.

T. D. MANESS, *Moderator.*

R. D. CARROLL, *Clerk-Treasurer.*

TABLE I—STATISTICAL

Church	Pastor and Post-Office	Clerk and Post-Office	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Gains			Losses			No. of Males	No. of Females	Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restor'tion	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Arlington		P. A. Williams, Allen, R. 1	2	$ 4000	1	2		5	2	1	51	54	105
Charlotte, First	Luther Little, D. D.	Dr. C. N. Peeler, Charlotte	Full	112000	57	82	89	64		7	703	896	1599
Charlotte, 9th Ave.	L. R. Pruett	J. E. Miller, Charlotte	Full	35000	6	42	4	40		3	241	458	699
Charlotte, Prit. Mem.	W. A. Smith	J. J. Ezell, Charlotte	Full	20000	3	30		29	1	5	213	283	496
Charlotte, Allen St.	R. D. Carroll, Charlotte	W. R. Helms, Charlotte	Full	20000	2	34		17	3	4	150	210	360
Charlotte, North	J. D. Moose, North Charlotte	C. C. Skidmore, North Charlotte	Full	10000	1	16	4	16	55	3	72	137	209
Concord, First	Geo. V. Tilley, Concord	S. W. Preslar, Concord	Full	12000	3	13	2	22	1		83	154	237
Concord, McGill St.	S. W. Bennett, Concord	H. G. Blackwelder, Concord	Full	8500	3	8		16	2	7	148	211	359
Concord, West	D. F. Helms, Concord	G. W. Miller, Concord, R. 6	Full	5000	1	13		5	1	1	105	168	280
Chadwick	P. A. Hicks, Charlotte	S. M. Thomas, Charlotte	Full	4800	14	23		17		3	60	82	142
Clear Creek													
Cornelius	T. L. Cashwell, Cornelius	E. S. Parks, Cornelius	Full	4000		16	1	13		1	47	76	123
Friendship	F. M. Huggins, Belmont	S. Q. Garrison, Charlotte, R. 11	2 and 4	1000		3					14	28	42
Hopewell	T. L. Cashwell, Cornelius	H. D. Winecoff, Huntersville, R.F.D	1 and 3	1600									
Howell's	J. F. Black, Kannapolis	A. J. Garmon, Concord	1 and 3	900		2				1	34	51	85
Huntersville	T. L. Cashwell, Cornelius	S. L. Mullen, Huntersville	1 and 2	500	20	8		2			33	45	78
Independence Hill		C. A. Davis, Charlotte, R. 7		1800						2	39	50	89
Kannapolis	J. F. Black, Kannapolis	W. Davis, Kannapolis	Full	12000	30	47	2	28	2	2	233	329	662
Miami	J. W. Snyder, Concord	Mrs. Rosa Bost, Bost's Mills	2	1000	1	3		1			14	19	33
Matthews	D. M. Austin, Charlotte	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	2 and 4	6000		13		2			46	65	111
Newell	J. W. Snyder, Concord	A. B. Jordan, Derita	1	1200		13		2			16	25	41
Oak Grove		M. A. Edwards, Pineville	1 and 3	1500	2						32	56	88
Pleasant Plains	J. W. Snyder, Concord	J. E. Broom, Matthews	3	1000	6	13		6			58	68	126
Plunket	J. W. Snyder, Concord	D. M. McDonald, Concerd	2		4	10		4			5	9	14
Rockwell	T. L. Cashwell, Cornelius	G. E. Sweet, Mooresville, R. F. D.	2 and 4	1500	4	4					26	32	58
Stough Memorial		W. G. Bell, Pineville	2 and 4	2835	2	5		4			60	85	145
Thrift													
Union Grove		R. H. Hastings, Huntersville		1000						2	20	22	42
Wilson's Grove	C. H. Martin, Polkton	T. E. Pigg, Charlotte	1	2250	6	4		1		2	77	92	169
Water Oak	J. W. Snyder, Concord	G. W. Henry, Concord, R. 1	4		14	11					7	17	24
Total				264585	170	415	102	304	67	44	2587	3762	6349

TABLE II—FINANCIAL

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Christian Educa.	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects	Total
Arlington	$ 95 66	$	$ 108 70	$ 9 12	$18 56	$ 1 50	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Charlotte, First	4300 00	3678 27	4162 18	194 70	309 82	10 00		856 50	1141 46	1342 20		2536 16			3269 77	22401 26
Charlotte, 9th Avenue	2000 00	201 58	959 50	149 18	19 65	10 00	65 00	81 44	204 85	132 33		214 75	185 00		225 19	4448 47
Charlotte, Pritchard Mem.	2400 00	543 63	877 65	242 28	40 00	5 00		260 80	526 50	627 04		515 62	145 25	10 00	540 00	6292 77
Charlotte, Allen Street	1234 00	1671 80	173 94	104 76		5 00		29 36	36 50	37 19		75 00				3367 55
Charlotte, North	500 93	397 84	34 82	161 91	71 85	3 00		35 32	49 47	15 51		9 71			383 15	1646 02
Concord, First	1500 00	110 00	141 70	120 50		3 00		54 00	66 00	56 00		65 99	138 50		135 50	2391 22
Concord, McGill Street	1300 00	479 35	341 37	144 20	93 79	3 30		51 12	75 00	62 50		213 38	23 87	8 00	271 66	3077 24
Concord, West	800 00	428 26	305 11	26 97		3 20		5 00	45 50	18 00		42 82		3 60	62 93	1603 47
Cornelius	325 00	300 00	44 90	27 86	15 00	2 00	2 00	35 00	29 00	28 00	8 59	68 20	12 00	5 00	67 95	970 50
Chadwick	1100 00	266 34	142 09	125 04	11 00	1 00		27 09	25 00	25 00	8 45	40 50	17 16		100 12	1888 79
Clear Creek																
Friendship	135 25			11 80		2 00		20 69	23 83	22 27		16 00	5 00	6 00		242 84
Howell's	200 00			15 00		2 00		8 05								225 05
Hopewell	162 50	284 84	7 62	7 94	30 00	1 05	1 40	15 00	10 00	10 00	4 00	30 88	4 00	3 00	18 45	568 62
Huntersville	175 00	125 00	21 45	25 00	6 50	2 00	2 00	31 00	20 00	20 00	5 00	15 00	8 00	3 00	289 05	750 00
Independence Hill	32 07		1 75	10 29	11 45	2 00		2 50				13 37			7 20	
Kannapolis	1500 00	1097 32	287 31	82 31	54 42	5 00		15 00	15 00	15 00	5 00	29 74	5 00	5 00		3116 10
Matthews	360 00		25 00			3 00		30 00	20 00	20 00		25 00	25 00			508 00
Miami	60 00	110 00	10 00	5 40	25 00	1 05		4 50	4 50	4 50		16 00				240 90
Newell's	75 00		6 49	5 00		1 00		3 00	2 90	3 00		9 40		1 50	20 00	127 59
Oak Grove	300 00		8 73	49 89	40 00	3 60		20 80	6 66	11 54		27 00	16 50	6 35	41 48	532 65
Pleasant Plains	150 00		50 00	15 00		1 50		6 25	3 00	6 25		8 00			10 00	251 95
Plunket	17 50	90 10		10 00	5 00			6 00	3 15			17 50			15 56	171 06
Rockwell	162 50	25 00	42 10	23 50	22 00	1 50	2 50	15 00	10 00	10 00	3 63	31 81	5 00	2 50	16 50	373 54
Stough Memorial	500 00	100 00		45 00		2 00		4 15	11 05	11 35		19 22	3 50	2 57	19 95	628 72
Thrift																
Union Grove																
Wilson's Grove	150 00	125 00	30 00	15 00		1 15		4 00	1 60	2 40		3 00	5 00		1 00	338 15
Water Oak	14 40							5 00	50	75					17 41	38 06
Total	17399 41	9819 31	4752 33	1607 65	774 14	75 85	72 90	1596 57	2351 47	2480 83	34 67	3132 05	598 78	56 52	5472 87	55952 52

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Church	Superintendent and Post Office	Secretary and Post Office	No. Schools	No. Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in Sunday School	Mos. Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total
Arlington	F. M. Hinson, Allen, R.	Z. L. Waters, Allen, R. 1	1	5	69	75		12		$ 9 12	$	$	$	$
Charlotte, First	T. S. Franklin, Charlotte	H. F. Dorsey, Charlotte	2	47	1000	1047	600	12	40	794 70		1022 99		1817 99
Charlotte, 9th Ave.	J. H. Bostick, Charlotte	W. J. Fite, Charlotte	1	19	375	394		12	3	149 18		75 75		224 93
Charlotte, P. Mem.	A. C. Porter, Charlotte	F. D. Lethco, Charlotte	1	23	225	248		12		242 28	53 96	512 62		811 86
Charlotte, Allen St.	S. A. Helms, Charlotte	Geo. D. Carroll, Charlotte	1	18	335	358	150	12	1	104 76		75 00	88 00	268 00
Charlotte, North	S. Rouse, North Charlotte	Miss Alma Moose, N. Charlotte	1	11	203	114		12	1	161 91	20 71	60 00	60 00	242 62
Concord, First	R. B. Biggers, Concord	Miss Lela Bruton, Concord	1	16	170	186	60	12	2	120 53		65 99	88 00	274 52
Concord, McGill St.	C. E. Herrin, Concord	F. Millsaps, Concord	1	15	280	195	175	12	1	144 20	5 12	213 35	113 30	476 00
Concord, West	J. J. Fletcher, Concord	Miss Louise Talbirt, Concord	1	8	135	143	30	12		26 97	5 00	42 82	62 92	137 72
Cornelius	L. N. Sweet, Cornelius	W. L. Hough, Davidson	1	11	100	111	50	12		27 86	18 00	36 08	30 95	112 96
Chadwick	J. W. Rodgers, Charlotte, R. 5	J. W. Gaddy, Charlotte, R. 6	1	15	175	190	100	12	10	125 04	8 45	40 50	11 00	184 99
Clear Creek	H. W. Pigg, Unionville, R. 1	B. Mullis, Allen, R. 1	1	6	90	96	65	11						
Friendship	A. C. Fisher, Charlotte, R. 4	L. W. Walker, Charlotte, R. 4	1	5	35	40	40	12		11 80				11 80
Howell's	T. A. Hough, Concord	M. H. Austin, Concord	1	6	65	71		12						
Hopewell	W. F. Sweet, Cornelius	Miss Pearl Sweet, Cornelius	1	6	60	66	25	12		7 97		17 85		25 82
Huntersville	A Union Sunday School													
Independence Hill	E. H. Stinson, Derita, R. 13	C. S. Davis, Charlotte, R. 7	1	9	64	73		9		10 29		13 37	7 26	30 86
Kannapolis	C. J. Funderburk, Kannapolis	T. A. Davis, Glass	1	14	564	579		12	15	82 31	5 00	64 25	50 91	202 47
Matthews	J. W. Phillips, Matthews	Jesse Boyette, Matthews	1	8	75	83	25	12		49 95		12 00		61 95
Miami	J. H. Shelton, Bost's Mills	Louise Dry, Concord	1	5	45	50	18	12	1	5 40	9 05		4 50	19 95
Newell's			1	5	36	41	20	12		5 00		9 40		14 40
Oak Grove	W. E. Smith, Pineville	T. Blackwelder, Ft. Mill, S. C.	1	7	67	74		12	2	49 89	3 00	11 10	1 00	65 39
Pleasant Plains	J. E. Broom, Matthews	Ira Broom, Matthews	1	8	75	83	40	12		12 00				15 00
Plunket	D. M McDonald, Concord, R. 7	H. B. Green, Concord, R. 5	1	3	35	38	5	12		10 00	6 15	4 00		20 15
Rockwell	G. E. Sweet, Mooresville, RFD	Bruce Sweet, Mooresville, RFD	1	8	101	109	40	12	3	23 50	15 26	26 81	4 50	70 07
Stough Memorial	G. Griffin, Pineville	W. G. Bell, Pineville	1	10	110	120	50	12		45 00		19 22	15 40	79 62
Thrift														
Union Grove	R. H. Hastings, Huntersville	Alonzo Stephens, Huntersville	2	3	25	28	23	9		1 85				
Wilson's Grove	T. E. Pigg, Ckarlotte, R. 9	W. H. Noles, Matthews, R. 19	1	8	60	68	40	12		15 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	24 00
Water Oak														
Total			29	199	4584	4795	1566		77	2355 06	154 68	2126 10	547 54	5192 05

TABLE IV—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Churches	Name of Organization	President and Post-Office	No. Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Board	Training School	Other Objects	Total
Charlotte, First	W. M. S.	Mrs. R C. Springs, 5 N. Caldwell, Charlotte	140	$ 300 00	$ 832 32	$ 498 75	$	$	$ 28 00	$1660 07
Charlotte, First	Y. W. A.	Miss Fanny V. Harrill, 124 N. Caldwell, Char.	35	81 50	197 00	70 00			81 65	340 15
Charlotte, First	Sunbeams	Mas. W. D. Sloan, 510 N. Tryon, Charlotte	16		7 79					7 79
Charlotte, First	G. A.		14		8 00			6 75		14 75
Charlotte, First	Lottie Moon Y. W. A.	Margaret Rucker	12		14 90	9 00				23 91
Charlotte, 9th Ave	W. M. S.	Mrs. L. R. Pruett, 602 N. Caldwell St.	84	44 09	88 25	51 80		45 00	5 00	234 14
Charlotte, 9th Ave	Y. W. A.	Miss Emily Boyd, 409 N. Brevard St.	8	8 11	34 60	15 95		5 00	1 05	64 71
Charlotte, 9th Ave	Sunbeams	Mrs. J. L. Parker, 314 East 5th St.		3 80	7 00	2 15		5 00		17 95
Charlotte, P. Mem.	W. M. S.	Mrs. F. D. Lethco, Charlotte	36	72 00	340 00	117 00		42 25	40 50	611 75
Charlotte, P. Mem.	Y. W. A.	Miss Flora Porter, Charlotte	13	15 00	32 50	40 00		3 00	1 50	92 00
Charlotte, P. Mem.	Sunbeams	Mrs. F. H. Dahlman, Charlotte			6 00					6 00
Charlotte, P. Mem.	G. A.	Miss Estell McKorkle, Charlotte	17	13 00	23 90	15 56			7 00	59 46
Charlotte, Allen St.	W. M. S.	Mrs. R. D. Carroll, Charlotte	15	11 00	24 25	14 25				49 50
Charlotte, Allen St.	Sunbeams	Mrs. M. B. Lomax, Charlotte	25		3 00	1 25				4 25
Concord, First	W. M. S.	Mrs. W. A. Stribbling, Concord	31	10 00	20 00	10 00				40 00
Concord, First	Sunbeams	Mrs. W. A. Stribbling, Concord								
Concord, McGill St.	W. M. S.	Mrs. S. W. Bennett, Concord	22	20 00	15 00	10 00		5 00	30 25	81 25
Concord, McGill St.	Y. W. A.	Mrs. D. A. Kearns, Concord	10	5 00	7 00	10 00		2 50	2 00	26 00
Concord, McGill St.	Sunbeams	Mrs. W. T. Mills, Concord	25		13 00	2 50				15 50
Cornelius	W. M. S.	Mrs. L. C. Griffin, Cornelius	15	8 00	9 00	13 25	2 50	2 50	10 00	45 25
Chadwick	W. M. S.	Mrs. C. S. Shofe, Charlotte, Chad. Station	30	10 00	5 00	10 00		10 00		25 00
Chadwick	Y. W. A.		20	2 84	2 00					4 84
Chadwick	Sunbeams	Miss Nettie Shofe, Charlotte, Chad. Station	30	7 25	5 00			7 16		19 41
Friendship	Y. W. A.	Mre. L. D. Price	2	5 62	4 33	11 77				21 72
Friendship	Sunbeams	Miss Madge Mitchell, Cnarlotte, R. 4	12							
Huntersville	W. M. S.	Mrs. W. B. Blythe, Huntersville	16	16 00	10 00	10 00	2 50	2 50	2 80	43 80
Kannapolis	W. M. S.	Mrs. J. W. Johnson, Kannapolis	25	5 00	7 00	7 00		5 00	16 00	40 00
Matthews	W. M. S.	Mrs. G. W. Chambers, Matthews	12	5 05	5 70	13 60		4 85	1 40	29 60
Oak Grove	W. M. S.	Mrs. J. D. Withers, Charlotte	14	4 80	5 50	7 20		5 00		23 50
Oak Grove	Y. W. A.	Miss Amy Garrison, Pineville		2 50	1 00	1 90		1 50		6 90
Pleasant Plains	W. M. S.	Mrs. N. R. McLendon, Matthews			5 00					5 00
Stough Memorial	W. M. S.	Mrs. A. L. Stough, Pineville	21	4 15	4 05	11 35		3 50	19 95	43 00
Total			705	654 71	1648 09	944 28	5 00	156 51	247 10	3659 20

TABLE V—BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

Churches	Name of Organization	President and Post-Office	No. of Members	Total Contributions
Charlotte, First	B. Y. P. U.	Miss Sara Holland, W. 7th St., Charlotte	34	
Charlotte, 9th Ave.	B. Y. P. U.	Miss Ana Earney, 204 N. Brevard St.	31	75 00
Charlotte, P. Mem.	B. Y. P. U.	Jas. Elms, Charlotte	40	
Charlotte, Allen St.	B. Y. P. U.	Miss Lois Williams, Charlotte	30	
Concord, First	B. Y. P. U.	Miss Hattie Clayton, Concord	20	
Friendship	B. Y. P. U.	Miss Madge Mitchell, Charlotte	12	
Total			167	75 50

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Baptist Association

HELD WITH

ROCKWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 16–18, 1919

MODERATOR—T. D. MANASS, ... Concord, N. C.
CLERK-TREASURER—R. D. CARROLL, . . Charlotte, N. C.

Next session meets with Allen Street Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C. 8 p. m., Tuesday after the second Sunday in September, 1920.

Introductory sermon by Rev. G. A. Martin, Concord, N. C., or his alternate, Rev. P. A. Hicks, Charlotte, N. C.

Executive Committee: L. R. Pruett, W. A. Smith, G. A. Martin, Luther Little, R. D. Carroll.

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BY-LAWS.

1. The Association shall be composed of the pastors and messengers from the churches of the Association.

Each church shall have three messengers for the first one hundred members or fraction thereof, and one for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof: Provided, that no church has more than ten messengers in addition to the pastor, who shall be an ex-officio messenger.

2. Daily sessions of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Delegates shall be recognized by letters from their churches designating them as such.

4. The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers or delegates of newly received churches by extending to them his right hand of fellowship.

5. The Clerk shall provide blank letters for the use of the churches of the Association, previous to the meeting of the Association, superintend the publication and distribution of the Minutes, preserve a file of them and have it present at each annual session, read the proceedings of the preceding session at the beginning of each morning session, and the last day's proceedings at the close of the annual session.

6. Members desiring to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator; shall use the term "brother" in speaking to each other; shall not speak on the same subject more than twice without permission, and shall observe the courtesy that becomes Christians.

7. Members are requested not to absent themselves from the sessions of the Association, but to remain to the end of the meeting.

8. A copy of the Minutes shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Mission Board, also a copy to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one to the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa., and one to the Field Secretary for Sunday Schools in North Carolina.

9. All questions of order not herein provided shall be decided by "Parliamentary Law."

10. The report of the Executive Board and the mission work of the Association, with short reports from the missionaries, shall take precedence of all other business during the morning session of the second day of the annual session.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

11. The general order of busineess shall be:
    (1) Enrollment of Delegates.
    (2) Election of Officers.
    (3) Petitionary Letters.
    (4) Appointment of Committees for this Session.
    (5) Appointment of Standing Committees.
    (6) Reports of Special Committees.
    (7) Reports of Standing Committees.
    (8) Reports of other Committees.
    (9) Miscellaneous Business.

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Austin, D. M. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Adams, J. Q. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Bassett, J. B. ..... Pineville, N. C.
Brock, J. P. ..... Newells, N. C.
Bryant, H. G. ..... Kannapolis, N. C.
Cashwell, T. L. ..... Cornelius, N. C.
Conrad, S. F. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Caudle, Zeb. ..... Wingate, N. C.
Cain, A. T. ..... Concord, N. C., R. 6.
Carroll, R. D. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Davenport, J. E. M. ..... Pineville, N. C.
Hicks, A. P. ..... Chadwick Station, Charlotte, N. C.
Harris, J. S. ..... Oakboro, N. C.
Huggins, F. M. ..... Belmont, N. C.
Helms, D. F. ..... Concord, N. C.
King, H. B. ..... Matthews, N. C.
Little, Luther, D. D. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Little, J. W. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Moose, J. D. ..... North Charlotte, N. C.
Martin, C. H. ..... Polkton, N. C.
Myers, C. H. ..... Paw Creek, N. C.
Perry, J. Z. ..... Concord, N. C.
Pruette, L. R. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Praether, F. L. ..... Concord, N. C.
Phillips, T. B. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
Rollins, G. W. ..... Concord, N. C.
Snyder, J. W. ..... Concord, N. C.
Smith, W. A. ..... Charlotte, N. C.

DELEGATES.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—W. A. Smith.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—T. D. Manass, J. P. Stroup, and Edd. Gresham.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE ASSOCIATION.

L. R. Pruett, W. A. Smith, Luther Little, G. A. Martin, R. D. Carroll.

MEMBER OF STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

L. R. Pruett.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES.

Arlington—J. S. Long, R. J. Connell, W. F. Hagler, S. C. Mullis.
Charlotte, First—T. S. Franklin, Edd. Gresham, Luther Little.
Charlotte, Allen Street—S. A. Newton, J. A. Williams, Watson Lomax, Mrs. Nancy Lomax, Miss Dora Williams.
Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial—J. J. Ezell, W. A. Smith, Mrs. W. A. Smith, Mrs. F. D. Lethco, J. M. McMichael, F. D. Lethco.
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue—L. R. Pruett, S. F. Conrad, W. A. Parker, R. J. Boyd.
Charlotte, North—J. D. Moose, Mrs. J. D. Moose, E. F. Skidmore.
Concord, First—T. D. Manass, E. A. Harriss, B. McBride, W. M. Corzine, C. J. Williams, John Welch, G. A. Martin.
Concord, McGill Street—Mrs. W. T. Mills, Carl Mills.
Concord, West—J. W. Connell, D. F. Helms.
Cornelius—W. L. Hough, J. M. Stilwell, C. B. Wilhelm.
Chadwick—P. A. Hicks, E. J. Mask, L. L. Grass.
Clear Creek—F. M. Polk, J. S. Reader.
Friendship—By letter.
Huntersville—J. H. Waters.
Howells—E. L. Bost, M. H. Austin, J. D. Darton.
Hopewell—Charles Winecoff, Roy Hovis, James Winecoff.
Independence Hill—J. R. McCurdy, S. W. Davis, E. H. Stinson.
Kannapolis—C. R. Stack—Mrs. J. W. Fisher, Miss Bessie Funderburk, W. B. Fisher, Mrs. J. W. Connell, Mrs. J. W. Johnson.
Matthews—B. A. Austin, T. J. Renfrow, B. A. Sustarr.
Miami—J. Z. Perry, Mrs. J. Z. Perry.
Newells—A. B. Jordan, J. P. Brock, James Meddlin.
Oak Grove—J. P. Stroup, J. W. Patterson, Mrs. J. D. Withers, Miss Nannie Stroup.
Oak Ridge—D. M. McDonald, J. W. Snyder.
Pleasant Plains—J. E. Broom, J. L. Shannon, J. M. Paxton.
Rockwell—S. Jones, Gradie Caldwell, M. S. Beam.
Rock Hill—H. A. Dulin, R. W. Sutton.
Stough Memorial—By letter.
Thrift—By letter.
Union Grove—A. C. Stephens, R. H. Hastings.
Wilson Grove—S. E. Wilson, J. W. Rushin, W. R. Kiser.
Water Oak—A. T. Cain, James Sutton.

PROCEEDINGS

The thirty-fourth annual session of the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Baptist Association met in the Rockwell Baptist Church at 10 a. m. Tuesday, September 16, 1919.

Pastor T. L. Cashwell conducted a song service, and W. R. Beach read Rom. 5: 1-11 and led in prayer, after which "The King's Business" was sung.

The Association was then called to order by T. D. Manass, the former Moderator.

The roll of churches was called and delegates enrolled, as follows: (See list of churches and their delegates.)

Election of officers was declared in order, and T. D. Manass was unanimously elected to succeed himself as Moderator of the Association.

R. D. Carroll was re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

W. A. Smith was elected as Assistant Moderator of the Association.

T. L. Cashwell, W. A. Smith, and D. F. Helms were appointed a Committee on Order of Business.

L. R. Pruett, S. F. Conrad, and J. W. Collett were appointed a Committee on Petitionary Letters.

The following order of business, as presented by the committee, was adopted:

Tuesday.

10:00 a. m.—Devotional Service.
10:30 a. m.—Organization.
11:15 a. m.—Reading All Reports.
12:00 m.—Miscellaneous Business.
12:30 p. m.—Dinner.
2:00 p. m.—Devotional Service.
2:15 p. m.—Temperance.
2:30 p. m.—Periodicals.
3:00 p. m.—Report of the Executive Commtitee.
4 p. m.—Miscellaneous Business.
4:30 p. m.—Adjourn.
7:30 p. m.—Introductory Sermon.

Wednesday.

9:00 a. m.—Devotional Service.
9:15 a. m.—Miscellaneous Business.

9:30 a. m.—Intercession.
10:00 a. m.—The World's Call and the $75,000,000 Campaign.
10:30 a. m.—The World's Need of God in the Present Crisis.
11:00 a. m.—Plan of Organization for the $75,000,000 Campaign.
12:30 p. m.—Dinner.
2:00 p. m.—Intercession.
2:30 p. m.—The Laymen and $75,000,000 Campaign.
3:15 p. m.—Woman's Work and the $75,000,000 Campaign.
4:00 p. m.—Sunday-schools and the Young People.

The report on the Orphanage was read by W. A. Smith, and was spoken to by W. A. Smith, J. W. Snyder, J. P. Brock, L. R. Pruett, and T. D. Manass. The report was then adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage rests heavily on the hearts of our people. More than 525 boys and girls are growing into honorable manhood and womanhood under its benign influence. Its record is rich in helpful service; our people are satisfied.

We feel more keenly with each passing year our obligation to the children who cry to us for help and friendship. And as this obligation is more clearly seen and felt, we the more gladly and generously discharge it.

And this is well, for the enormous and outrageous prices that we are obliged to pay for every household necessity makes it essential to increase the current fund in order to keep our beloved institution out of the bondage and peril of debt.

Furthermore, the pressure for admittance from boys and girls on the outside grows stronger day by day. Hundreds of homeless children utterly helpless and dependent clamor at the door. The Lord has poured material things upon us. Our barns are filled with plenty and our presses burst out with new wine. We are well able to heed the cry of these children, and we must heed it or suffer ourselves.

To give relief to this army of children we must largely increase our current fund. What comes into the treasury barely covers the cost of supporting those within the walls of the Orphanage.

We have many children here who might be cared for by their mothers, if a little help were supplied to them by the communities from which they come. The welfare workers of the State,

with Mr. Roland F. Beasly as their head, are trying to hold these households intact. We would give our hearty endorsement to this agency of help and blessing and thus make more room in the Orphanage for those who have neither mother nor father but are wholly dependent upon the institution for their care and training.

Your committee would recommend:

(1) The plan of setting apart one day for the Orphanage at or near Thanksgiving by every man, woman and child in this association.

(2) A monthly contribution from every Sunday-school in this association.

(3) A club of Charity and Children in the well organized Sunday-schools with an individual copy to a smany others as possible.

G. A. MARTIN, Committee.

L. R. Pruett, for the Committee on Petitionary Letters, read the following petitionary letter:

To the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Baptist Association—Greeting:

On Sunday, September 7, 1919, a meeting was held in the Roberter Mill public school house, for the purpose of organizing a Baptist church.

A good congregation was present.

The presbytery consisted of Revs. J. W. Snyder and A. T. Cain.

After the fundamental principles of a Baptist church were explained by J. W. Snyder as based on Dr. Pendleton's Confession of Faith and Baptist Church Covenant, an invitation for members was given.

Seven responded, five males and two females.

Ten or fifteen more can be brought into the organization in a short time.

J. W. Snyder was called as pastor, and A. T. Cain was elected Clerk.

Brethren H. Dulin, Robert Sutton and Joe Easley were elected a Building Committee.

Name of church, "Rock Hill Baptist Church."

We send as messengers to the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association Brethren A. T. Cain, H. Dulin and Robt. Sutton, and through them apply for admission into the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Baptist Association.

This letter approved by Rock Hill Baptist Church September 12, 1919, J. W. Snyder, Moderator, and A. T. Cain, Church Clerk.

It was ordered that the letter as read, be adopted as the report of the committee, and that Rock Hill Baptist Church be received into the fellowship of the Association.

The Moderator gave the delegates of the new church the hand of greeting.

The report on Temperance was read by S. F. Conrad.

At this hour, by special order, Editor Johnson, of Charity and Children, addressed the Association on the Orphanage. Remarks were also made by T. J. Renfrow and J. D. Moose.

It was ordered that the reports on Ministerial Relief, State, Home, and Foreign Missions, and the report on Christian Education be read this evening in connection with the report on Periodicals.

J. D. Moose was appointed to conduct the devotional service this afternoon, and the Association adjourned, with the benediction by L. R. Pruett.

Tuesday—Afternoon Session.

J. D. Moose conducted devotional service.

Committees were appointed as follows:

To nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention—W. A. Smith, J. P. Brock, J. R. McCurdy.

On Time, Place and Preacher—J. D. Moose, D. F. Helms, R. B. McBride.

To nominate Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—P. A. Hicks, J. P. Stroup, E. F. Skidmore.

To nominate Executive Committee of the Association—T. L. Cashwell, T. J. Renfrow, S. F. Conrad.

Temperance was discussed by S. F. Conrad, W. A. Smith, J. D. Moose, Sidney Rouse, F. A. Jones, and T. J. Renfrow, and the report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The triumph of the cause of temperance resulting in the adoption of the Constitutional Amendment, abolishing the liquor traffic and its licensed sale in public saloons is nothing short of marvelous, when we take into account the great army of liquor drinkers and the vast amount of money at the command of the organized liquor forces. It is a demonstration of the power of the Church of God in taking a stand against moral wrong. This great achievement was brought about by the Anti-Saloon League of the United States, with its State organizations

working in connection with the national organization. The nation is now dry by war-time prohibition, and on January 1st, 1920, it becomes dry by Constitutional Amendment adopted by forty-five States,—with only three States failing to ratify it.

But we should not relax our efforts to keep the rising and coming generations informed as to the degenerating and ruinous effects of alcohol. When Christians sleep, the devil works, and no agency in human history has led to the damnation and ruin of more souls than alcohol. The benefits of prohibition were seen in our splendid army we sent to France, and now since it is cut out of our great cities the great reduction of crime is a thing of constant note. But let us lenghen our cords and strengthen our stakes. Let us give our aid to the world-wide movement to abolish the use of liquor in every nation on the globe.

S. F. CONRAD.

T. L. Cashwell read the following report on Periodicals:

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER AND THE BAPTIST PROGRAM.

The Baptist Program in the Biblical Recorder.

For what does the Biblical Recorder stand?

The first thing is evangelization—the winning of souls to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The second thing is enlightenment; for the saved souls need instruction in the way of righteousness.

The third is edification; for the soul that is saved and enlightened needs to be built up in faith and work.

The next thing is enlistment; for what has gone before must be put to worthy and specific use.

And the last thing is equipment for the most efficient service in the various departments of denominational and world-wide Christian work.

If the Biblical Recorder does not accomplish these things, it is not measuring up to its duty and opportunity.

The Baptist Program Through the Biblical Recorder.

What does the Biblical Recorder enable the members of our churches to do? And what is their task through it? In reply, we think—

(1) Of the new contact that is necessary, especially in view of the great neglect in family instruction and church indoctrination;

(2) Of the new competition that confronts us in our church life, since the world about us is money-mad, pleasure-glad, society-sad. and iniquity-bad;

(3) Of the new controversy, since we are surrounded by heresies as vital and deadly as ever infested the earth;

(4) Of the new constituency that we ought to reach and develop, including our present membership and others who will come into our fold in the future;

(5) Of the new co-operation about which we are hearing so much which must nevertheless remain true to a genuine denominationalism;

(6) Of the new constructiveness which in the upbuilding of our work will require perspective, systematization, and intensive culture; and

(7) Of the new conquest which is thereby possible to our individual membership, our leading workers, and our great institutions, both through our money and our men.

In such a program what a mighty task is involved!

T. L. CASHWELL.

The report was discussed by W. R. Beach and W. A. Smith, and adopted.

The report on Ministerial Relief was read by D. F. Helms and was spoken to by D. F. Helms and J. W. Snyder and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The Baptist Ministerial Relief Board was established twenty-nine years ago.

During that time it has brought relief to 125 needy beneficiaries,—ministers and widows of ministers.

There are at present 39 on the Board.

There are several applications pending, showing that the increase in beneficiaries may be expected to continue.

The beneficiaries are receiving from twenty-five to two hundred dollars per year. Many of them need more. Some of them have no other means of support.

That the aid extended may be adequate to the needs of the beneficiaries it is frequently necessary to increase the appropriations.

It is the aim of this Board that no one who has been a worthy proclaimer of God's truth shall suffer for the necessities of life.

We earnestly desire that every Baptist of the State shall share this ambition with us, and contribute towards its accomplishment.

Many of our people are giving gladly to this work, but many of the churches of the State contribute nothing.

We are glad that in this 75 Million Dollar Campaign, arrange-

ments have been made for larger appropriations to these worthy beneficiries.

May God hasten the day when the Baptist of this Southland will make ample provisions for their aged ministers and their widows.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. HELMS.

P. A. Hicks read the following:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions has before it the task of saving North Carolina for Christ and His Kingdom. It is a much greater task than that of saving so many souls. It includes the saving of the lives with all their wealth and powers of service to be enlisted in the larger task of saving the whole world. State Missions heretofore has been mostly concerned about evangelizing the people of the State. We need to do more of this kind of work, but we are confronted with the necessity of developing the churches that have been brought into existence by our evangelistic efforts, and enlisting them in the Kingdom programme.

We are now in the midst of the 75 Million Dollar Campaign, which is the largest task the Baptists have ever undertaken for their Master. Of this vast amount $663,833, or $132,766 annually is to be expended by the State Mission Board in the next five years. This will enable the Board (1) to spend $50,000 each year on the missionaries' salaries, and put strong men into destitute fields. (2) For buildings and equipment in educational centers, $7,500. (3) For special workers in industrial centers, $5,000. (4) For enlistment and evangelism, $10,000. (5) For training our people $20,000. (6) For colportage and publicity, $10,000. (7) For church buildings, $20,000. A great church building era is now on, and there must be some guide in church architecture so the churches may best serve the needs of the people.

The great world war is over, the smoke of the battlefields is cleared away, and we are in the midst of a period of reconstruction. This is a challenge to State Missions to do more than ever before that we may have a great influence in reconstructing the world, and shaping its civilization and determining its religion. If our religion meets the human needs of our State it will meet the human needs of the world. Therefore it is a challenge to consecration, sacrifice, and heroism.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. HICKS.

Dr. Little being absent, R. D. Carroll read the following:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Mission Board has been growing in importance all through the years. It is easy to see that there is a greater demand for Home Mission Work in the South at this time than in any previous year.

The field of the Home Board is all the Southern States, Cuba and Panama. In each of these fields there is a greater demand than ever before. This demand is made because of the conditions which have arisen following the great world war.

The Home Board is to share in the $75,000,000 Campaign to the amount of $12,000,000. The Home Boarfd is to receive from the North Carolina Apportionment $1,092,833. Let us give to this Board and its work our prayers, sympathy and co operation in every way.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER LITTLE.

W. A. Smith read the following:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The "Macedonian Cry" has come to be a "World Cry." The "World War" has left the world wounded. It is the duty of the churches of God to act the part of the good Samaritan and do their best to set the world on her feet with her face toward God.

It is the purpose of your committee in this report to give only the general statistics of the Foreign Mission Board as rendered to the last Southern Baptist Convention. This report gives us the followng figures: Number of churches, 505; outstations, 1,096; churches self-supporting, 143; baptisms, 5,635; total membership, 49,659; houses of worship, 303; Sunday-schools, 760, with 36,115 scholars; contributions made by mission churches during the past year, $173,372.86; missionaries, 328; ordained preachers, 212; unordained native preachers and helpers, 555; making a total of workers under the auspices of the Board 883. These missionaries and churches are distributed on the several fields as follows: China, 146 churches with 22,321 members; Africa, 24 churches with 2,328 members; Japan, 10 churches with 994 members; Italy, 45 churches with 1,369 members; Mexico, 43 churches with 2,136 members; Brazil, 199 churches with 17,641 members; Argentina, 26 churches with 1,403 members; Chili, 12 churches with 1,467 members.

Our schools and colleges on the foreign field are as follows:

10 theological schools with 304 students. 5 normal and training schools with 213 students, 3 colleges with 303 students, 494 schools of other grades with 14,902 students.

We have 14 hospital buildings, 14 medical missionaries, 25 nurses, 16 dispensaries. These missionary physicians have performed 490 major operations and treated 61,586 patients during the past year.

These hundreds of missionaries, physicans, teachers and nurses are but the advance guards of the thousands who are to follow if our "75 Million Campaign" is a success.

Every Baptist family ought to take and read the "Home and Foreign Field" and other literature which give the facts that are to furnish the inspiration for the 75 Million Campaign, which is the biggest thing Baptists have ever undertaken.

W. A. SMITH, Com.

The following report was read by J. D. Moose:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Board of Education aided last year 75 young ministers at Wake Forest, 27 at the Southern Baptist Seminary, 2 Student Volunteers at Meredith College and 1 at Chowan. The Baptist denomination in North Carolina owns 3 colleges, 14 high schools, with property values, including land, buildings and equipment, amounting to $1,490,690. These institutions employed last year 178 teachers and enrolled 3,155 pupils. These and similar institutions throughout the South are supplying 85 out of every 100 of our ministers and 91 out of every 100 of every 100 of our missionaries. And from a poll recently made among 15 of our Baptist churches they are also supplying 92 out of every 100 educated laymen in our North Carolina churches.

The mission of the Board of Education is to preserve and enlarge these institutions as long as they render to the denomination the incomparable service that they are now rendering. For their preservation and enlargement, we began last January a year ago a campaign in North Carolin for $1,000,000, appealing, not as in other endowment campaigns, to a few only of our larger givers, but to the whole mass of our great membership. This appeal was not based on the ground of helping your boys and girls or mine, but solely on the ground of preparing our young people for greater service in the Kingdom of God. This appeal has been nobly answered by our people. For the first time in our history they have practically all abandoned selfish concern for themselves and their children and have realized that this campaign is the call of God to go forward; and rich and

poor, educated and uneducated alike have given themselves to our great task so freely that over one-half of the million asked for has been pledged. The total amount of subscriptions reported up to September 10th was $581,828.73, of which $214,904.19 has been collected, in cash, Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps.

It is highly important that this Million Dollar Fund for our schools should be completed, because when we have done this we shall receive from the General Education Board of New York $175,000 more. It is earnestly hoped, therefore, that all churches or individuals that have subscribed either in notes, cash, bonds or stamps forward these at once to Treasurer R. T. Vann, Raleigh, N. C.

Let it be understood that these will not interfere in the least with the great 75 Million Dollar Movement now just starting, since all we give on the $1,000,000 campaign will count in the larger movement.

But do not forget, brethren, that these millions to be raised for Education are to be invested for the preservation and enlargement of our schools and no part of this amount can be spent for the supoprt of our young ministers and young women who are preparing for the foreign field. All money for this later purpose must come from our regular collections, and we earnestly hope that the churches will keep these collections for Education up in full measure.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. MOOSE.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the chairman, L. R. Pruett. The report was discussed by L. R. Pruett, W. A. Smith, J. D. Moose, T. L. Cashwell, and T. D. Manass, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee is glad to report that there has been a marked growth on all our mission fields during the year now closing. The membership of the churches has been increased and the contributions have gone far beyond what they were last year.

While the work now being done is encouraging and gratifying, there is still much destitution within the territory of this Association. The most of this territory lies in the county of Cabarrus. We have splendid churches in Concord and Kannapolis, but nearly all of the country churches are being aided by the Board.

We have only one missionary in Cabarrus County outside of

the towns, who is Brother J. W. Snyder. His field is composed of Miami,, Oak Ridge, and Water Oak. The Miami church was organized a few years ago and now has a membership of 34, paying the pastor $96. The church gave to all benevolence during the present year $83.46, which exceeds last year's contributions by $64.46.

Oak Ridge Church has no house of worship, but has purchased a lot in a good community, seven or eight miles east of Concord, and is now gathering the material together for a building. The membership is 22, having received during the year 7 by baptism. The church gave to all objects this year $234.64 more than the previous year.

Water Oak, since our last Association, has erected a house of worship at a cost of $642.17, with a debt of $170. This church is located midway between Charlotte and Concord, near the county line. Six new members have been added during the year, making a total of 30.

Brother Snyder is also pastor of the church at Newell, in Mecklenburg County. The membership is 55, with a gain of 13 over last report. A few weeks ago Rev. J. P. Brock, a member of this church, was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry.

The amount appropriated by the Board to all these churches is $400.

The Board is aiding West Concord to the amount of $200, with Brother D. F. Helms as the pastor. This church has a membership of about 300, with 53 additions during the present years. There is a marked increase in their gifts to all objects of the church and of the Convention. If the mills had not stood so long, leaving the people without employment, their contributions would have been much larger.

The Cornelius field is composed of the churches at Cornelius, Rockwell, Hopewell, and Huntersville, Brother T. L. Cashwell being in charge as the pastor. This whole field is on the upgrade. The Cornelius Church has voted to become self-sustaining after this year and now relieves the State Mission Board from further aid. This is always a happy day for any church. It is a great day for a child when it finds out that it can walk alone. Rockwell and Hopewell are among our best country churches. The Baptists at Huntersville have owned a lot for several years; but there is now an awakening among them, and they have in sight nearly $5,000 for a church home. When this building is completed, it will be an epochal moment for the Baptists of Huntersville. This field is receiving aid to the amount of $150.

The Chadwick Church is under the leadership of Brother P.

A. Hicks as the pastor. During the past year this church has been aided by the Home and State Boards to the amount of $350, the former giving $250 and the latter $100. This arrangement was effected because of the existence of Camp Green, from which many soldiers attended this church. The membership is about 200, with a gain of 15 during the past year. The church is paying the pastor $750.

L. R. PRUETT,
Chairman Executive Committee.

Missionary Colporter S. F. Conrad read his report, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF S. F. CONRAD, MISSIONARY COLPORTER OF THE MECKLENBURG-CABARRUS ASSOCIATION.

My work began with the Board of Missions last June, one year ago, and my commission allowed me to take in Charlotte and surroundings, consequently I have gone into other Associations and several local churches.

The purpose of the colportage work is to supply our people with wholesome and helpful literature on points of doctrine and also along the lines of our organized work. To aid our weak churches and find out the needful and destitute fields in our Association.

My work has been in a large measure successful, as I have been enabled to visit nearly all of our churches and to preach to congregations at various points. I feel that I have been a help to a number of churches and pastors.

Needed literature has been largely scattered and our mission work emphasized. As the reports from the churches will show there has been a new impetus given to our principles and many wavering Baptists have been helped to become stronger and more efficient in the work. The world is full of isms of every sort and kind and I have been under the necessity to do a great deal of personal preaching.

My book sales average about $10 per week. While in the work I receive $2.50 per day, as salary, with from 20 to 30 per cent on the dollar in the sale of books, I have visited our colored Baptist churches as well as white, and found ready sale for good books. The work is really in its introductory state. My experience is, where the local pastors give their hearty encouragement and endorsemnt of the work I meet with the best success.

S. F. CONRAD,
Missionary Colporter.

L. R. Pruett was elected as a member of the State Board of Missions.

Rev. W. W. Rimmer and Rev. W. A. Hough, of the South Fork Association, were recognized and welcomed to seats in the body.

The Association adjourned, with the benediction by A. Johnson.

Tuesday—Evening Session.

After a song service, led by the pastor, T. L. Cashwell, R. D. Carroll read the third chapter of Exodus, and W. A. Smith led in prayer.

R. D. Carroll preached the associational sermon, choosing as his subject "The Conflict Between Moses and Pharaoh, or the Devil's Opposition to the Lord's Program."

W. A. Hough led in prayer, and after a song the Association adjourned, with benediction by R. D. Carroll.

Wednesday—Morning Session.

J. J. Ezell conducted the devotional service, and Vice-Moderator Smith called the Association to order.

The report of the Committee to Nominate the Executive Committee was received and adopted, as follows:

Your committee nominate for the Executive Committee of the Association Brethren L. R. Pruett, W. A. Smith, G. A. Martin, Luther Little, R. D. Carroll.

Respectfully,

T. L. CASHWELL,
T. J. RENFROW,
S. F. CONRAD,
Committee.

The following report was received and adopted:

The committee to nominate delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention report as follows: We nominate W. A. Smith.

P. A. HICKS,
E. F. SKIDMORE,
J. P. STROUP,
Committee.

The Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention reported, as follows:

We nominate as delegates to the Baptist State Convention: Brethren T. D. Manass, J. P. Stroup and Edd. Greshan.

W. A. SMITH,
J. P. BROCK,
J. R. McCURDY,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher reported, as follows:

Place—Allen St. Baptist Church, Charlotte.

Time—8 p. m., Tuesday after the second Sunday in September, 1920.

Preacher—G. A. Martin; alternate, P. A. Hicks.

J. D. MOOSE,
D. F. HELMS,
R. B. McBRIDE,
Committee.

The report was adopted as read.

By order of the body, the Executive Committee will be responsible for having all reports ready to be presented at the beginning of the session next year.

Dr. Luther Little addressed the Association on "The World Call and the 75 Million Campaign."

G. A. Martin delivered an address on "The World's Need of God in the Present Crisis." Brother Martin also spoke on the plan of organization for the 75 Million Campaign.

At this hour the roll of churches was called, and directors for the 75 Million Campaign were named, as follows:

Arlington—F. M. Hinson, Mrs. F. M. Hinson, Allen, R. 1.
Charlotte, First—Luther Little, Mrs. R. C. Springs.
Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial—J. M. McMichael, Mrs. F. D. Lethco.
Charlotte, Ninth Avenue—D. W. Fink, Mrs. M. L. Ross.
Charlotte, North—J. N. Wood, Mrs. J. D. Moose.
Charlotte Allen Street—J. A. Williams, Mrs. J. A. Williams.
Concord, First—A. E. Harris, Mrs. G. A. Martin.
Concord, McGill Street—D. A. Kearns, Mrs. W. T. Mills.
Concord, West—D. F. Helms, Mrs. L. A. Talbirt.

Cornelius—T. L. Cashwell, Mrs. C. B. Wilhelm.

Chadwick—W. E. Bost, Mrs. A. C. Pagette.

Clear Creek—H. W. Pigg, Mrs. M. A. Mullis.

Friendship—S. Q. Garrison, Charlotte, R. F. D.; Mrs. B. T. Price, Charlotte, R. F. D.

Hopewell—H. D. Winecoff, Mrs. J. M. Dove.

Huntersville—M. M. Plumber, Mrs. W. B. Blythe.

Howells—E. L. Bost, Miss Fanny McCurdy, Cabarrus, R. 1.

Independence Hill—E. H. Spencer, Derita R. 1.; Miss Mamie Davis, Charlotte, R. 7.

Kannapolis—J. C. Funderburk, Mrs. J. C. Johnson.

Miami—J. M. Auten, Miss Rosa Bost, Bost Mill, N. C.

Matthews—T. J. Renfrow, Mrs. H. B. Hood.

Newells—A. B. Jordan, Miss Dora Austin, Newells, N. C.

Oak Grove—H. M. Blackwelder, Mrs. J. D. Withers.

Oak Ridge—D. M. McDonald, Concord, R. 6; Mrs. Horner Green, Concord, R. 7.

Pleasant Plains—J. E. Broom, Matthews; Mrs. N. R. McLendon, Matthews, R. 18.

Rockwell—T. E. Sweet, Mrs. L. G. Caldwell.

Rock Hill—Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Cain, Concord, R. 6.

Stough Memorial—Jasper Griffin, Mrs. A. L. Stough, Pineville, N. C.

Thrift—C. A. Sparks, Mrs. C. H. Myers, Paw Creek, N. C.

Union Grove—G. O. Hastings, Mrs. Alonzo Stephens.

Water Oak—J. A. Honeycutt, Mrs. Sophie Honeycutt, Harrisburg, R. 3.

Wilson Grove—T. E. Pigg, Mrs. Della Kistler.

Speeches from the laymen with reference to the 75 Million Campaign were called for, and Brethren W. M. Corzine, C. R. Stack, J. P. Stroup, and S. F. Conrad responded.

The Association adjourned, with benediction by W. A. Smith.

Wednesday—Afternoon Session.

W. A. Smith conducted devotional service.

"The Laymen and the 75 Million Campaign" was spoken to by J. M. McMichael.

Mrs. J. D. Withers presented the report on Woman's Work. The report was spoken to by Mrs. W. A. Smith, G. A. Martin, Luther Little, W. A. Smith ,and T. L. Cashwell, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

A backward look over the busy year discloses much to encourage us. Some cords have been lengthened, some stakes strengthened. Acknowledging the many blessing of the past year, realizing the great responsibility resting upon us for the future, and thanking Almighty God for the reign of peace in our beloved country, we pray that we may meet the Christian privilege of doing all in our power to advance the Kingdom of Christ on earth. It is a great privilege to have the honor of bringing you news of the woman's work of the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association. During the year there has been much interest and enthusiasm manifested throughout the Association. There has been a gaining of, and falling off, of societies. We have 13 churches with no organization, four of these churches have had societies. We have thirty churches thirty-three societies, 29 reporting regular.

Two new societies have been organized and one re-organized. In the fall, on account of the influenza, there was no Annual Meeting held. We feared this would interfere with our yearly reports, but we went beyond our aim, raising $4,115.69. Our semi-annual meeting was held with Cornelius Church. There was a gratifying attendance, a meeting full of information and inspiration. Miss Carroll, our State Secretary, was with us, and brought us a message from the Edenton meeting.

The task before us now is the 75 Million Dollar Campaign, we are going to put every effort forward and do our best for this great work.

Letters written, 92.
Postals, 19.
Quite a good deal of literature sent out.
Report blank, 133.
Miles traveled, 118.
Amount reported, $3,896.34.
Financial aim for 1919-20, $5,000.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. D. WITHERS,
Asso. Supt.

It was ordered that the Clerk be allowed the usual $25.00 for recording the proceedings of the Association and having the Minutes printed and distributed.

The following resolution, by S. F. Conrad, was adopted by rising vote:

Resolved, That our heart-felt thanks be given to this church and pastor which have so handsomely entertained us, and provided for our comfort during our stay in their midst.

The Association then adjourned, with the benediction by R. D. Carroll.

T. D. MANASS, Moderator.

R. D. CARROLL, Clerk-Treasurer.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL

Church	Pastor and Post-Office	Clerk and Post-Office	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Gains			Losses			No. of Males	No. of Females	Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restor'tion	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Arlington	J. S. Harris, Oakboro	P. A. Williams, Allen	2d	$ 4,000	10	1	1	1	--	4	54	57	111
Charlotte, First	Luther Little, Charlotte	C. N. Peeler, Charlotte	Full	150,000	62	198	----	68	--	15	795	1003	1798
Charlotte, Pritch. Mem.	W. A. Smith, Charlotte	H. B. Benoit, Charlotte	Full	20,000	23	25	----	24	--	4	220	296	516
Charlotte, Allen St.	R. D. Carroll, Charlotte	W. R. Helms, Charlotte	Full	25,000	8	23	----	24	--	3	138	216	354
Charlotte, 9th Ave.	L. R. Pruett, Charlotte	R. L. Young, Charlotte	Full	45,000	41	51	3	18	2	4	301	460	761
Charlotte, North	J. D. Moose, Charlotte	C. C. Skidmore, North Charlotte	Full	10,000	12	32	3	23	42	1	56	119	175
Chadwick	P. A. Hicks, Chad. Sta., Charlotte	J. W. Gaddy, Chad. Sta., Charlotte	Full	6,000	3	36	----	17	8	2	63	91	154
Cornelius	T. L. Cashwell, Cornelius	E. S. Parks, Cornelius	Full	4,000	20	11	----	10	2	--	41	87	128
Clear Creek	Zeb. Caudle, Wingate	L. S. Pigg, Unionville, R. 1	4th	4,000	1	----	----	7	--	2	51	59	110
Concord, West	D. F. Helms, Concord, R. 1	G. W. Miller, Concord, R. 6	Full	5,000	30	21	----	----	1	--	115	220	335
Concord, McGill Street	G. W. Rollins, Concord	W. L. Mills, Concord	Full	10,000	15	26	3	8	1	9	147	210	357
Concord, First	G. A. Martin, Concord	S. W. Preslar, Concord	Full	12,000	25	19	4	16	3	2	99	174	273
Friendship	F. M. Huggins, Belmont	S. Q. Garrison, Charlotte, R. 11	2 & 4	1,500	2	----	----	----	--	--	15	28	43
Howells	A. C. Davis, Marshville	T. A. Hough, Concord	3d	1,000	----	----	----	----	--	1	34	50	84
Hopewell	T. L. Cashwell, Cornelius	H. D. Winecoff, Huntersville, R.F.D.	1 & 3	1,600	2	1	----	----	--	1	39	59	98
Huntersville	T. L. Cashwell, Cornelius	S. L. Mullen, Huntersville	1 & 3	800	5	15	----	----	--	--	----	----	----
Independence Hill	C. H. Myers, Paw Creek	C. S. Davis, Charlotte, R. 7	2 & 4	1,800	1	----	----	4	--	1	34	47	81
Kannapolis		W. Davis, Kannapolis	Full	12,000	54	37	6	34	1	8	----	----	595
Miami	J. W. Snyder, Concord	Mrs. Rosa Bost, Bost Mills	2d	1,200	----	----	----	----	1	--	14	19	31
Matthews	D. M. Austin, Charlotte	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	2 & 4	7,000	1	16	1	1	--	--	52	75	127
Newells	J. W. Snyder, Concord	A. B. Jordan, Derita	1st	1,200	6	12	----	----	--	--	26	36	62
Oak Ridge	J. W. Snyder, Concord	D. M. McDonald, Concord, R. 6	2d	525	7	1	----	----	--	--	6	16	22
Oak Grove	J. B. Bassett, Pineville	M. A. Edwards, Pineville	1 & 3	1,500	1	4	----	----	--	1	37	54	91
Pleasant Plains	J. W. Snyder, Concord	J. E. Broom, Matthews	3d	5,000	7	6	----	2	--	2	47	71	118
Rock Hill	J. W. Snyder, Concord	A. T. Cain, Concord, R. 6	---	----	----	----	----	----	--	--	5	2	7
Rockwell	T. L. Cashwell, Cornelius	G. E. Sweet, Mooresville	2 & 4	2,000	3	----	----	2	--	--	28	31	59
Stough Memorial	J. B. Bassett, Pineville	W. G. Bell, Pineville	2 & 4	4,000	10	8	----	4	8	3	55	72	127
Thrift	C. H. Myers, Paw Creek	C. A. Sparks, Paw Creek	1 & 3	9,000	----	31	----	17	--	--	29	38	67
Union Grove	C. H. Myers, Paw Creek	R. H. Hastings, Huntersville	---	1,000	1	4	----	----	--	--	26	25	51
Water Oak	J. W. Snyder, Concord	G. W. Honeycutt, Concord, R. 1	4th	650	3	3	----	----	--	--	11	19	30
Wilson Grove	C. H. Martin, Polkton	T. E. Pigg, Charlotte, R. 9	2 & 4	2,500	7	5	----	5	--	--	80	96	176
		For 1919 the totals are		$349,275	360	531	21	285	69	63	3618	3728	7346
		For 1918 the totals were		$264,585	170	415	102	304	67	44	2587	3762	6349

TABLE II—FINANCIAL

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Asso. Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Christian Educa.	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects	Total
Arlington	$ 150 00	$ 8 05		$ 9 52	$10 00	$ 2 00		$ 10 00	$ 22 18	$ 10 00	$	$	$	$	$ 77 80	$ 297 55
Charlotte, First	4,300 00	5,144 30		952 12	144 50	10 00		867 78	1,184 00	1,990 21		1,738 67	816 00		3,348 48	20,695 76
Charl'te, Prch. Mem.	2,000 00	1,021 07	1,141 44	299 76	28 50	10 00		318 37	441 27	921 88	3 00	999 21	1,265 50	10 00	230 89	9,180 97
Charlotte, Allen St.	1,200 00	1,266 14	214 36	207 39		7 50		50 00	59 34	67 40	10 00	100 00	66 00	10 00	200 35	3,458 48
Charlotte, 9th Ave.	2,300 00	633 75	610 31	550 51	23 25	7 50		137 15	181 37	144 07		352 40	602 00		383 66	5,918 47
Charlotte, North	1,006 83	533 80	153 07	159 89	37 60	3 00	5 00	149 47	47 04	53 52	5 00	127 64	50 00	5 00	15 05	2,813 46
Chadwick	705 92	887 04	288 62	161 35	30 00	2 00		46 45	47 75	66 50		97 50	298 13	6 50		2,632 76
Cornelius	375 00	598 00	54 82	19 26	46 28	3 00		35 00	30 00	27 05	27 37	112 12	68 31	10 00	242 50	1,646 71
Clear Creek	150 00		26 50	14 70		2 25		5 00	5 00	4 00		6 75		13 50		227 50
Concord, West	1,000 00	278 10	50 00	50 49	32 42	4 00		70 00	29 91	32 00		125 39	9 46		100 66	1,782 40
Concord, McGill St.	1,429 86		394 89	983 35	80 00	4 35		68 00	68 80	105 65	9 17	101 17	65 00	12 00	27 00	3,349 24
Concord, First	2,200 00	310 00	245 25	187 85		5 00		125 00	115 00	135 00	12 00	187 81	20 00		717 78	4,230 69
Friendship	135 00	131 25		13 50		1 50		17 00	13 73	31 16		15 00		8 70	25 00	391 11
Huntersville	200 00	329 48	29 95	25 00		2 00		25 00	20 00	30 00	14 51	74 06	10 00	10 00	130 00	900 00
Hopewell	162 50		10 00	10 00	15 00	2 00		25 00	10 00	15 00	5 00	11 00	5 00	5 00	45 00	320 50
Howells	200 00			15 00		2 00		5 00	4 00	4 00		10 00		2 00		252 00
Independence Hill	300 00	161 10	5 00	14 32	75	2 00		4 00	4 00	4 00	5 90	20 53	85 00	1 00	330 06	640 66
Kannapolis	1,500 00	250 00	397 29	92 37	8 00	5 00		15 00	10 00	15 15		84 66			42 50	2,514 97
Miami	96 00		20 00	10 00		1 00		4 50	2 50	2 50		13 00	40 00			193 60
Matthews	360 00	25 00	25 00	28 00		3 00		30 00	20 00	20 00		25 00	15 00	10 00	54 00	614 00
Newells	125 00	20 00	35 15	18 43	14 69	2 00		10 00	6 63	6 64		37 65		5 94		281 13
Oak Ridge	40 00	312 75	42 00	10 00		1 00		11 60	2 00	2 00		14 60				421 35
Oak Grove	400 00	8 80	8 80	44 81	50 00	4 00	76 20	24 13	35 45	28 27		83 86	51 95	21 50	93 87	917 93
Pleasant Plains	250 00	3 00	140 82	12 00		2 15		4 00	17 15	5 50		21 21			4 40	460 28
Rockwell	162 00	85 00	20 00	23 00	9 50	2 30		28 00	6 00	9 02	3 50	52 04	68 00		44 00	512 46
Rock Hill						80										
Stough Memorial	600 00	68 74	67 63	78 50	125 00	2 00		27 50	25 00	50 00						1,044 37
Thrift	200 00	1,598 10	45 00	35 00		1 50		5 40	5 40	7 20		35 80	50 00		158 25	2,121 65
Union Grove	150 00			2 00		1 00		2 00	2 00	1 00		1 00	3 00			157 00
Water Oak	25 00	650 17	16 42	1 55		1 00						23 20			7 35	721 69
Wilson Grove	200 00		36 00	15 47	9 10	1 50			4 00	6 00	2 50	5 50	4 25			284 37
	21,823 11	13,328 64	4,078 42	4,045 14	865 59	95 35	81 20	2,150 35	2,419 49	3,794 72	94 95	3,486 77	3,592 60	131 14	6,267 81	68,880 02

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Church	Superintendent and Post Office	Secretary and Post Office	No. Schools	No. Offi. & Teach.	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in Sunday School	Mos. Kept Open	Bap. from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total
Arlington	S. C. Mullis, Allen	Miss Zetta Walters, Allen	1	7	39	46		12		$ 9 52	$	$	$	$
Charlotte, First	T. S. Franklin, Charlotte	W. D. Sloan, Charlotte	2	55	1000	1055	600	12	45	952 12		1,164 34		2,116 46
Charlotte, Pritch. Mem.	A. C. Porter, Charlotte	F. D. Lethco, Charlotte	1	23	380	403		12		299 76		935 49	225 89	1,596 19
Charlotte, Allen St.	S. A. Newton, Charlotte	Miss Lois Williams, Charlotte	1	17	300	317	150	12	8	207 39	94 00	100 00	41 75	443 14
Charlotte, 9th Ave.	J. H. Bostic, Charlotte	W. J. Fite, Charlotte	1	17	351	368	223	12		350 00		202 40		552 40
Charlotte, North	F. R. Gates, North Charlotte	Miss Alma Moose, North Charlotte	1	11	127	138		12	10	159 89	112 70	103 11	47 49	423 19
Chadwick	J. W. Rodgers, Charlotte, R. 5	J. W. Gaddy, Charlotte, Chad. Sta.	1	13	158	171	50	12	2	161 35	58 00	50 00	12 63	281 98
Cornelius	L. N. Sweet, Cornelius	W. L. Hough, Davidson, R. F. D.	1	10	100	110		12	17	19 26	112 73	57 12	76 08	265 19
Clear Creek	F. M. Polk, Unionville, R. 1	Miss Carrie Mullis, Allen, R. 1	1	6	80	86	60	12		14 70				14 70
Concord, West	L. A. Talbirt, Concord, R. 6	D. M. Leffer, Concord, R. 6	1	9	181	191	50	12	28	50 49	18 60	125 39	29 60	274 08
Concord, McGill Street	C. E. Herrin, Concord	F. A. Millsapps, Concord	1	12	249	261	130	12	10	983 35	9 17	101 17		1,093 69
Concord, First	A. C. Harris, Concord	Miss Lela Bruton, Concord	1	15	189	204	125	12	20	159 85	132 36	187 81	54 46	532 48
Friendship	A. C. Fisher, Charlotte, R. 4	L. W. Walker, Charlotte, R. 4	1	6	35	41	25	12	1	13 50				13 50
Huntersville	Union Sunday School											46 81		
Hopewell	R. Hovis, Davidson, R. F. D.	Boyd Barnett, Huntersville, R.F.D.	1	6	40	46	20	12		10 00	5 00	6 00		21 00
Howells	T. A. Hough, Concord	Miss Irene Gorman, Concord	1	4	63	67	25	6		15 00				15 00
Independence Hill	E. H. Stinson, Derita, R. 13	C. S. Davis, Charlotte, R. 7	1	7	68	75		12		14 32	5 90	20 53	2 05	42 80
Kannapolis	W. D. Kilpatrick, Kannapolis	T. A. Davis, Glass, R. 1	1	15	659	674		12		92 39		84 66	22 50	199 53
Miami	B. Joyner, Bost Mill	Lewis Dry, Concord, R. 5	1	6	45	51	12	12		10 00				10 00
Matthews	J. R. Renfrow, Matthews	Jessie Boyt, Matthews	1	10	90	100	40	12	1	25 00		20 00	30 00	75 00
Newells	A. B. Jordan, Derita	L. W. Austin, Newells	1	6	52	58	35	12	6	18 54				18 54
Oak Ridge	D. M. McDonald, Concord, R. 6	H. B. Green, Concord, R. 7	1	4	36	40	5	12	2	10 00				10 00
Oak Grove	W. E. Smith, Pineville	, Fort Mills, S. C.	1	7	67	74	58	12		44 81	53 62	68 32	11 50	178 25
Pleasant Plains	J. E. Brown, Matthews	Miss Macie Paxton, Matthews	1	7	50	57	20	12	2	12 00				12 00
Rockwell	G. E. Sweet, Mooresville	L. G. Caldwell, Mooresville	1	8	80	88	45	12	2	23 00	15 00	31 49		69 49
Rock Hill														
Stough Memorial	W. M. James, Pineville	W. G. Bell, Pineville	1	10	70	80		12		57 00		21 50		78 50
Thrift	J. B. Walker, Paw Creek	C. E. Houser, Paw Creek	1	8	139	147	53	12		35 00		35 80	35 75	106 55
Union Grove	R. H. Hastings, Huntersville		1				16	6		2 00				2 00
Water Oak	A. T. Kain, Concord, R. 6		1	6	34	40	15	12	1	1 50				1 50
Wilson Grove	Martin Hough, Allen, R. 9	T. E. Pigg, Charlotte, R. 9	1	8	60	68	40	12	6	15 47	2 50	3 50		21 47
			30	315	4772	5506	1797		161	3,773 01	469 58	3,465 02	489 70	8,316 60

Churches	Name of Organization	President and Post-Office	No. Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School	Training School	Other Objects	Total
Charlotte, First	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. R. C. Springs, Charlotte	150	$315 00	$ 706 00	$ 683 00	$ --	$ ----	$ 296 00	$2,000 00
Charlotte, First	Young Women's Auxiliary	Miss Pattie Adams, Charlotte	40	85 00	110 00	80 00	----	------	150 00	1,425 00
Charlotte, First	Sunbeams	Mrs. B. S. Blanton,* Myers Park	16	------	------	------	----	------	------	10 00
Charlotte, First	Royal Ambassadors	Miss Rucker, Charlotte	--	------	5 00	1 55	----	------	------	6 55
Charlotte, Pritch. Mem.	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. F. D. Lethco, Charlotte	35	86 95	130 00	392 25	----	40 00	615 00	1,324 30
Charlotte, Pritch. Mem.	Young Women's Auxiliary	Miss Louise Ezell, Charlotte	16	10 00	36 00	41 45	----	5 00	78 00	170 45
Charlotte, Pritch. Mem.	Sunbeams	Mrs. E. M. Dahlman, Charlotte	54	------	5 00	------	----	------	------	5 00
Charlotte, Pritch. Mem.	Girls' Auxiliary	Mrs. W. A. Smith, Charlotte	10	13 00	6 75	17 00	3 00	6 55	------	45 92
Charlotte, Allen St.	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. R. D. Carroll, Charlotte	15	22 50	18 00	17 00	----	3 35	1 00	61 85
Charlotte, Allen St.	Sunbeams	Mrs. J. C. Dodd, Charlotte	25	2 20	7 75	------	----	------	------	9 95
Charlotte, 9th Ave.	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte	--	57 35	81 00	86 00	----	------	64 00	304 50
Charlotte, 9th Ave.	Young Women's Auxiliary	Miss Mary Parker, Charlotte	--	16 50	14 00	15 00	----	------	18 00	64 50
Charlotte, 9th Ave.	Sunbeams	Mrs. J. L. Parker, Charlotte	--	8 00	8 25	10 25	----	------	6 00	33 00
Charlotte, 9th Ave.	Ladies' Aid	----------	--	------	------	------	----	------	------	113 00
Charlotte, North	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. D. Moose, North Charlotte	12	2 00	------	2 00	----	2 00	5 35	11 35
Charlotte, North	Sunbeams	Mrs. J. D. Moose, North Charlotte	20	3 70	------	------	----	------	------	3 70
Chadwick	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. S. E. Martin, Charlotte	--	7 00	7 75	20 50	----	------	25 00	60 25
Cornelius	----------	----------	20	10 00	10 00	12 12	----	8 50	110 00	150 82
Clear Creek	----------	----------	--	------	------	------	----	------	------	------
Concord, West	Sunbeams	Mrs. D. M. Lefler, Concord, R. 6	--	------	------	------	----	------	35 06	35 06
Concord, McGill Street	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. W. M. Propst, Concord	--	15 00	31 00	31 85	----	5 00	35 00	117 85
Concord, McGill Street	Young Women's Auxiliary	Mrs. D. A. Kearns, Concord	--	2 50	10 30	19 30	----	15 30	------	50 10
Concord, McGill Street	Sunbeams	Mrs. W. T. Mills, Concord	50	3 00	8 00	8 00	----	------	15 00	34 00
Concord, First	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. W. A. Stribbling, Concord	--	20 00	30 00	25 00	----	10 00	10 00	95 00
Concord, First	Young Women's Auxiliary	Miss Annie Luyden, Concord	--	------	------	------	----	------	------	85 00
Concord, First	Sunbeams	Mrs. W. A. Stribbling, Concord	--	------	------	------	----	------	------	50 00
Friendship	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. L. D. Price, Charlotte, R. 4	12	3 60	------	4 50	----	3 00	52 40	66 75
Friendship	Sunbeams	----------	12	50	------	50	----	50	50	2 00
Huntersville	Woman's Missionary Society	----------	16	15 00	10 00	5 00	----	10 00	79 00	119 00
Kannapolis	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. W. Johnson, Kannapolis	28	15 00	10 00	15 15	----	5 00	15 00	60 15
Matthews	Woman's Missionary Society	Miss Emma Chamless, Matthews	--	5 45	10 20	17 45	----	4 98	80	38 95
Matthews	Young Women's Auxiliary	Mrs. Lon Hood, Matthews	--	------	------	------	----	------	------	------
Matthews	Sunbeams	Miss Cathrene McLeoud	--	------	------	------	----	------	------	------
Oak Grove	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. D. Withers, Charlotte	14	4 00	13 50	6 75	----	4 70	5 40	34 35
Oak Grove	Young Women's Auxiliary	Miss Wilna Potts, Pineville	10	2 25	4 17	3 65	----	------	2 40	12 47
Oak Grove	Sunbeams	Miss Sara Potts, Pineville	12	------	------	------	----	2 28	------	2 28
Oak Ridge	----------	----------	--	------	------	------	----	------	------	------
Pleasant Plains	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. N. R. McLendon, Matthews	12	4 00	3 00	5 50	----	4 80	3 00	20 00
Charlotte, First	Baptist Young People's Union	W. A. Shrock, Charlotte	90	------	------	------	----	------	------	100 00
Charlotte, Pritch. Mem.	Baptist Young People's Union	Miss Addie Rigler, Charlotte	30	------	------	------	----	------	------	------
Charlotte, 9th Ave.	Baptist Young People's Union	Miss Cassy Gaddy, Charlotte	--	------	------	------	----	------	------	50 00
Charlotte, Allen St.	Baptist Young People's Union	Miss Alice Williams, Charlotte	25	------	------	------	----	------	------	10 00
Concord, McGill Street	Baptist Young People's Union	D. O. Price, Concord	40	------	------	------	----	------	------	------
Friendship	Baptist Young People's Union	Miss Madge Mitchell, Charl'te, R. 4	12	------	------	------	----	------	------	------
				729 50	1,275 67	1,521 77	3 00	143 93	1,681 91	6,783 10

*Leader.